

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.

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.

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

Bible study with Father Janusz at 1:00 PM Wednesdays in Marian Hall.

Fast this Lent? in the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

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.

Parish Book Club to meet **Tuesday, March 19, at 1:00 PM** in the church library.

Monday, March 25 – the Annunciation of the Lord, Masses to be held at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent

today's readings are in the hymnal, page 1021

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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To celebrate further the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday, March 25th, the women of the parish will be serving a taco supper with free will offering. The meal will be served from 4 to 5 PM and again after the 6:00 PM Mass.

Safe Haven Sunday Thank You and Update - Our office would like to thank all of the parishes in the Diocese who participated in Safe Haven Sunday. It was our pleasure to serve you as you help your families protect themselves from the harms of pornography. Just a reminder, families can continue to sign up for the 7-day text challenge. Please continue to urge your families to take the challenge during the season of Lent. Finally, the Safe Haven Sunday website – diolc.org/shs – has additional resources for parents, educators, ministry leaders and those who are struggling with pornography. Consider linking this site to your parish or school website. *Free booklet and prayer card still available to parish families in the Atrium.*

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

March 19, 2019; 4:00-8:00 PM – Living Faith Food Pantry Fundraiser and Open House, dinner served 4:30-7:00 PM, program at 7:00 PM, behind Viroqua Family Restaurant. Free will donation; open house tours; door prizes.

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.*

St. Charles School Spring Carnival fund-raiser – **Sunday, March 31, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM**, St. Charles School, 707 Eagle Street, Genoa, WI. Entry free and open to the public. Football toss, fish pond, cake walk, face painting, food, & raffles. For more information, contact Michele Trussoni, St. Charles PTO Co-president, 608-632-9784.

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/>.

March 17, 2019

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend March 10, 2019

Adults: \$2,563.10

Offertory: \$176.00

Ash Wednesday: \$827.06

Easter Flowers: \$401.00

Total: \$3,967.16

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2018-2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$36,616.00

Cash to date: \$33,729.38

THANK YOU!

Saints of the Week

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

**St. Joseph*

**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, 18 March, +**No Mass**

Tuesday, 19 March, 5:15 PM +**Ginnie Langkamp-Becker**

(Curt & Jean Geier)

Wednesday, 20 March, 8:00 AM +**Joan Hartley**

(Paulette Oldham)

Thursday, 21 March, +**Edward Mashak**

(Brent & Ellen Mashak)

Friday, 22 March, 8:00 AM +**Verna Mashak**

(Brent & Ellen Mashak)

Saturday, 23 March, 5:15 PM +**Steenberg Family**

(Bud & Ione Hauser)

Sunday, 24 March, 8:00 AM +**People of the Annunciation of the**

Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, 24 March, 10:30 AM +**Kathleen Ekern**

(Pat Rubasch)

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.

Scripture Retreat at St. Anthony's Spiritual Center, Marathon, Wisconsin: Book of Isaiah | March 29 – 31, 2019; Friday, 6:30 pm Supper – Sunday, 1:00 pm (after lunch) Presenter: Fr. Robert Streveler. Isaiah is the prophet we hear most often in our Scripture Readings at Worship. He appeals for justice and gives us prophecies concerning salvation. Confronted by the awesome holiness of God in the temple, he finds his sin forgiven and responds to God's call for a prophet by saying "Here I am! Send me." He speaks to us about Immanuel (God with us), about the Messianic King, and about the Suffering Servant. The Book of Isaiah has sometimes been called the 5th Gospel because of how Isaiah speaks of the Messiah who is to come. PLEASE BRING A BIBLE. Cost: \$190. To register, call 715-443-2236, e-mail info@sarcenter.com.

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

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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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