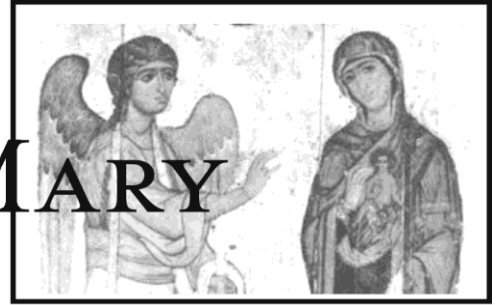


# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



## This Week in Our Parish

Please welcome Rev. Michael J. Goodavish, celebrating Mass in Fr. Janusz's absence this weekend, and hear him speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Goodavish will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Father Goodavish was ordained in 1987 and belongs to the Diocese of St. George in Grenada.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**March 3, 2019**

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

*today's readings are in the  
hymnal, page 1115*

**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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# March 3, 2019

**NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)** - The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will be held November 21- 24, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN. NCYC is held biennially and gathers more than 22,000 Catholic teens, parish youth ministry coordinators, bishops, pastors, parents, school campus ministers, adult chaperones, coaches, scout leaders, and diocesan leaders.

**Attn: parish staff** - Our first NCYC Informational Meeting will be online using Zoom and held **Feb 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** For information on joining this online meeting please follow the link:  
<https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/more-info/register.html>

Did you know that viewing porn desensitizes you to pleasure, makes you hypersensitive to lust and cripples your willpower? None of this is a good for you or your family. Learn more about the harms of pornography and how to protect your family on **Safe Haven Sunday – March 10**. Learn more about ending porn exposure at [diolc.org/shs](http://diolc.org/shs)

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

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](http://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](http://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. We recommend finding/doing a search for "What's so Good about Being Catholic?", by Jason Evert, to get started.

**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](http://stpaulcenter.com/streaming)

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.

**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/](http://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/>.

# March 3, 2019

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend February 24, 2019

Adults: \$1,962.00

Offertory: \$82.50

Total: \$2,044.50

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## 2018-2019

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$36,116.00

Cash to date: \$32,918.13

THANK YOU!

*Saints of the Week*

\*SS. Perpetua & Felicity

\*St. John of God

\*St. Frances of Rome

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 2 March, 5:15 PM +Karenlyn Elliott-Dewitt**  
(Sarah DeWitt)

**Sunday, 3 March, 8:00 AM +Ruth Gillen**  
(Jim Gillen Family)

**Sunday 3 March, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks**  
(Guy Nicks Family)

**Monday, 4 March, +No Mass**

**Tuesday, 5 March, 5:15 PM +Parish Council of Catholic Women**  
(PCCW)

**Wednesday, 6 March, 8:00 AM +Cheryl Whitehead Johnson**  
(Eileen Whitehead Eggen)

**Wednesday, 6 March, 6:30 PM +People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

**Thursday, 7 March, +Guy Nicks**  
(Guy Nicks Family)

**Friday, 8 March, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Jr.**  
(Robert Peterson)

**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**

*Lenten Day of Prayer: Preparing to Let God "Easter" In Us / March 10 - **Sunday, March 10, 2019***

**9:30 am – 3:30 pm.** From the first day of Lent, the Ash Wednesday readings make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart" (Joel 2:12). This is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us in a personal, individual way. Join us for this day of prayer as we reflect on how we will respond to this invitation to deepen our relationship with God, grow in freedom, and experience Easter joy. **Cost: \$45**  
To register, call 715-443-2236 or e-mail [info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com), St. Anthony's Spirituality Center, Marathon, Wisconsin.

**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)

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.

This week we highlight **Effinger Equipment** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10:30 Mass, November to May.

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*"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." ~ Matthew 25:40*