

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



As the church calendar returns to Ordinary time and we head into summer, anyone interested in sharing surplus flowers from their gardens to assist in beautifying the church please contact Megan Prorok--prorokmegan@gmail.com or (608)632-3376.

You don't need to have a large garden or prize-winning roses to help brighten our prayer space. I think this will be a lovely way for us all to appreciate the beauty of the changing summer season in our church. I look forward to seeing everything from irises and peonies to sunflowers and everything in between! (Megan will take down your preferred contact method, type of flower being donated, when it peaks, and work with you regarding your preferred method of pick up or drop off. *Please* do not leave flowers at church without contacting her first!)

I look forward to hearing from you! Megan Prorok

No weekday Masses until further notice.

Weekday Masses at nearby parishes:

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| Sacred Heart-Cashton | Tuesday & Friday, 8:00 AM |
| St. Charles-Genoa | Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:00 AM; Wednesday, 10:30 AM |
| St. Mary's-Gays Mills | Thursday, 8:30 AM |
| St. Philip's-Rolling Ground | Tuesday, 8:30 AM |
| Shrine-La Crosse | Monday-Friday, 12:15 PM |

Confession at nearby parishes:

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| Sacred Heart-Cashton | Sunday, 7:00-8:00 AM |
| St. Charles-Genoa | Saturday, 3:15-3:45 PM; weekdays prior to Mass |
| Shrine-La Crosse | Monday-Friday, 11:45-12:45 PM |

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Ascension of the Lord

Readings are in the hymnal,
#1079

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Livestreaming Mass

www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua

St. Mary's prerecorded Masses on Channel 15:

Sunday Mass airs:

Tues. 11:30 am; Wed. 9:30 am;

Thur. 7:30 am; Fri. 5:30 am;

Sat. 3:30 am; Sun. 4:30 pm;

Mon. 2:30 pm.

Pastoral Visits:

Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one is in need of a pastoral visit. Let us know if you would like to be remembered in our parish's public prayers.

Baptism

Call the church office,
(608) 637-7711, for information
and scheduling.

Confession

Saturday, 6:00 PM in the church
library (*Church Calendar, p. 2*)

Giving:

Phone app -

https://tithe.ly/give_new

On-line -

<https://diolc.org/annunciation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-parish-viroqua>

Parish Office & Church:

OPEN: MTuWF - 8 AM-4PM

Sat. - 9 AM-8PM

Sun. - 9 AM-Noon

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org; Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

Deacon Tony Shay; Diana Hernandez-Torres, Sacristan

Beth Lakmann, Liturgy Director, bethlakmann@icloud.com; (608) 637-7711

Frances Campbell, Secretary/Bookkeeper, stmaryparish@mwt.net (608) 637-7711; Parish Kitchen (608) 637-7878

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Hello everybody! Whether from announcements at the parish a few weeks ago, the Facebook video I put up last weekend or simple word of mouth you've probably heard by now that on July 5 I'll be coming to join you in Coon Valley and Viroqua as your parochial administrator. We really won't get to know each other until I can join you in person in a few weeks, but let me share a few quick things about myself to clue you in on who is this Fr. Joe guy. Because I'm a Millennial I like bulleted lists, so here's a bulleted list.

- My folks, Carol and (Deacon) Joe, live just on the other side of Ten Mile Hill from Coon Valley. We moved out to this house in 2000 from Northern California, but even back in California we were Packers fans. I call this an act of providence, and you certainly are allowed to ask why we moved to Wisconsin from California.
- I've got a brother (John) and a sister (Jeanette), both in the La Crosse area, both married and both with two boys. On a personal level, I'm looking forward to being so close to my nephews for the first time since the oldest (Nolan) was born some twelve years ago. Just a few weeks before I found out I was going to be joining you, I had promised Nolan to take him trout fishing some time, so again, providence.
- I graduated from Aquinas back in 2008, where I spent a lot of time in music programs, playing tennis and soccer, and during which time I got my first job as a cook.
- After High School I went to St. Mary's University, graduating in 2012. I have (among others) three good friends from those days – Brian, Sam, and Cullen – who made the short list to my 2020 ordination. Hopefully you'll see them in a few months for a visit!
- I'm sure we'll talk about this in the future, but a major factor in my deciding to join seminary was the three-year period after college when I worked for FOCUS – a group of missionaries leading Bible studies and helping college students grow in their relationship with Jesus and his Church. I spent this time from 2012-2015 up at the University of Minnesota Duluth before going to seminary at Mundelein Seminary.
- My extracurricular interests include but are not limited to woodworking, outdoor recreation of the backpacking/canoeing/camping variety, and (you guessed it) trout fishing. Over the last year or so I've been getting into some triathlon training, with ambiguous future ambitions.

For the last two years I've been the associate pastor at St. Michael's Catholic Church and Church of the Resurrection (together named Eastside Parishes) and the chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle and High Schools in Wausau. It's been a tremendous place to get my priestly feet on the ground, and as we wrap up the school year, I'm feeling no shortage of heartbreak saying goodbye to these young men and women – just this morning we had our final school Mass to close out the year. That being said (and in the spirit of true and beautiful ambivalence), I am very excited to join you, to get to know you, and to be your priest. Keep me in prayers for the next four or five weeks until we can meet in person, and I'll certainly do the same for you. God bless you all!

-- **Fr. Joe Richards** (One last quick thing – “Fr. Joe” is fine).

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of May 16-22, 2022

Adults: \$2,540.00

Offertory: \$172.95

Youth: \$2.00

Loaves & Fishes: \$20.00

Total: \$2,734.95

March E-gifts: \$2,006.56

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2021-2022

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,530.00

Pledged: \$40,520.00

Cash to date: \$39,927.50

THANK YOU!

Ministry Schedule

Sat., June 4, 6:30 PM

Pat Biebl Eucharistic Minister Host
Seth Kiedinger Altar Server
Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun., June 5, 10:30 AM

Kyle Prorok Eucharistic Minister Host
Alexis Scoville Altar Server
Royce Scoville Altar Server
Stephen Lambert Lector

If not able to serve as scheduled, please request a sub through MSP. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 28 May, 6:00 PM Confessions

Saturday, 28 May, 6:30 PM +Angie Dickman
(Angie Leis)

Sunday, 29 May, 10:30 AM +Angie Dickman
(Dave & Sue Fanta)

Monday, May 30 - Parish Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, 1 June, 6:30 PM, Pastoral Council Meeting in Marian Hall

Saturday, 4 June, Richland Center Deanery of Catholic Women, Noon Potluck & Meeting, St. Aloysius Church, Hillsboro

Saturday, 4 June 6:00 PM Confessions

Saturday, 4 June, 6:30 PM +Roger Biebl
(Pat Biebl)

Sunday, 5 June, 10:30 AM Women of the Parish
(PCCW)

Sunday, 5 June, 10:30 AM Mass - Honoring Our Graduates

The Richland Center Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold their spring assembly on **June 4th at noon at St. Aloysius Church** in Hillsboro. Our newly ordained Deacon Tony Shay will be the speaker. He will be speaking on "The Near Occasion of Sin". There is a potluck meal at noon. We will carpool from St. Mary's. There will be a sign up sheet in the atrium for women of our parish to attend and those willing to drive. Questions, call Joyce Humfeld at 608-606-0873 or 608-634-4059.

Schedule for future help out priests:

28-29 May Fr. Antony Joseph

4-5 June Msgr. Hundt

11-12 June Fr. Antony Joseph

18-19 June Bishop Bob Flock - Mission Coop

25-26 June Fr. Antony Joseph

2-3 July Fr. Antony Joseph

Pastoral Council Members

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Our Pastoral Council is here to serve. They help us discern the needs of our community and the call of the Spirit in our time. **Please feel free to contact them** with your concerns.

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Presented by:



SAVE THE DATE! **Dementia Friendly Community Week** **June 13-17th, 2022**

Dementia Friendly Community La Crosse County Dementia Coalition invites the public to attend Dementia Friendly Week 2022! A week of activities that create dementia awareness, unite individuals, organizations, and the community. Various events to choose from, learn about resources and how we can take action to improve the lives of those living with dementia.

Event Highlights-

- Future Planning Information
- Activities for caregivers and their loved ones with dementia
- Movie in the Park
- Free Brain Checks
- Choir Performance

For more information and to register for events

www.eventbrite.com/e/320831294037

Coalition Facebook page

[Dementia Friendly Community La Crosse County Dementia Coalition](#)

All events are open to the public, unless otherwise indicated for persons with dementia & their caregivers. We invite everyone to Join Us!

St. Joseph Parish - St. Joseph Ridge Administrative Assistant Job Opening

St. Joseph Parish is looking for someone to fill the position of Administrative Assistant (Secretary/Bookkeeper). Hours range from 15-20 per week based on need. All inquiries, please call Father Biju at 608-788-1646 or check out the job description listed in the parish bulletin on their website:

<https://www.saintjosephridgeparish.com/current-bulletin/>

How Does God Guide Us

Take some time during the summer to think about how God guides in our daily lives. Check out the information here. Each part includes

- Scripture verses about the particular way that God guides us
- A short teaching
- A Scripture passage about God guiding someone in this particular way
- A modern-day true story of God guiding a person in this manner
- Visit diolc.org/deeper for the 9 different ways that God guides us

“After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.” ~ Mk 16:19
