

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



A **celebration** is planned for **July 31st after the 10:30 AM Mass** to welcome Father Joe Richards. The PCCW will be furnishing hotdogs and condiments and fixings for s'mores. We are asking that each family bring a dish to pass. Plans are to have outdoor games for the young and young-at-heart. You are welcome to bring along any board games for those that wish to stay for added fellowship.

WHAT'S WITH THE LISTS? Upcoming parish projects need your help!

1. To prepare for a new Parish Directory, please find your family on the posted lists and update your contact information. (Some names may be slightly out of alpha order.) Also, be sure to let us know if your grown child has moved or married and is no longer a current member of the parish.
2. We want to recognize the efforts that sustain this parish. Please check the appropriate box or boxes next to your name if you have participated in any parish volunteer service in 2020, 2021, or 2022. A description of the categories is posted near the lists.
3. Help us reconnect, update, and be proud of who we are and what we do in this parish!

A **Meal Train** has been organized for Michael and Brenda Corr and children Ian, Ava, and Frankie—<https://mealtrain.com/zo1g2d>. A fire destroyed their home and belongings in June. *What is Meal Train?* There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized. MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

July 24, 2022
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings are in the hymnal,
#1142

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

****Livestreaming Mass**

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

****working on our equipment;**
livestreaming forthcoming

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 parish office for information and scheduling.

Confession

Sat. 5:45 PM & Sun. 9:45 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, August 5

Benediction at 10 AM

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-7:30 PM

Sun. - 9 AM-Noon

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

Father Joseph M. Richards, Parochial Administrator, (608) 637-7711; Deacon Tony Shay; Diana Hernandez-Torres, Sacristan

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July 24, 2022

Hello, friends! I shared at one of the “5 Minutes More” last weekend (in reality eleven minutes more – there was a lot to cover) that summertime is the absolutely most difficult time to get an accurate read on any parish’s cultural and attendance trends – there are just too many folks heading up North, going out of town for summer league sports and weddings, etc. to achieve any type of consistency from week to week. In case you were one of those folks who found yourself out of town during our Masses and business meetings last weekend, allow me to present to you a brief outline of what we covered:

- Part One: I shared my brief professional autobiography (three years as a FOCUS missionary, five years of seminary, and two years as an associate pastor & chaplain) all to indicate the reality that I am very new to administration. I’m on a steep learning curve as I step into this role, but between our councils and staff we have the right people in place to onboard me effectively.
- Part Two: I shared a status update from our finance and pastoral councils. The short version is that we’re in the black (excellent news) and that we have a few significant projects coming up (I’m looking at you, parking lots). One of our biggest cultural questions right now concerns religious education – specifically asking what our parish needs and how we are to rise to that need. Please pray for this process, asking that the Holy Spirit lead our discernment well.
- Part Three: I shared an update on immediate and long-term changes. I plan to make as few big changes as possible during my tenure as parochial administrator (expected 6-12 months) – I believe that in order for those changes to be made effectively I need to know you and you need to know me much better. The clearest example of this approach involves our (young) shared Mass schedule. Down the road we need to assess our weekday and weekend schedule carefully to determine the most healthy and equitable distribution of Mass times between Coon Valley and Viroqua, but for now that discussion remains intentionally open-ended. More immediately, you’ll see a few furniture rearrangements and additional confession times, as well as the (hopefully not shocking) different liturgical style that a different priest brings.

That’s it for this week. God bless you all, and let’s pray for and with each other!

-- Fr. Joe

July 24, 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of July 11-17, 2022

Adults: \$2,285.00

Offertory: \$326.00

Total: \$2,611.00

May E-gifts: \$1,710.56

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2021-2022

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,530.00

Pledged: \$43,170.00

Cash to date: \$43,170.00

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23 July, 6:30 PM +Angie Dickman

(MaryJo McDaniels)

Sunday, 24 July, 10:30 AM Patrick & Kevin Hall

(Lawrence Rehman)

Wednesday, 27 July, 6:30 PM +Leona Dillon

(Jeanette Amundson)

Friday, 29 July, 8:00 AM +Angie Dickman

(MaryJo McDaniels)

Saturday, 30 July, 6:30 PM Vincente Alonso

(Diana Hernandez)

Sunday, 31 July, 10:30 AM +Gary Teadt

(Carol Teadt)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., July 30, 6:30 PM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister Host

Lane Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Dennis Vinger Lector

Sun., July 31, 10:30 AM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister Host

Alexis Scoville Altar Server

Reuben Stevenson Altar Server

Stephen Lambert Lector

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 23 July, 5:45-6:15 PM Confessions in room next to choir loft stairway

Sunday, 24 July, 9:45-10:15 AM Confessions in room next to choir loft stairway

Wednesday, 27 July, 7:00 PM Liturgical Committee Meeting in the Church Library

Saturday, 30 July, 5:45-6:15 PM Confessions in room next to choir loft stairway

Sunday, 31 July, 9:45-10:15 AM Confessions in room next to choir loft stairway

Sunday, 31 July, after 10:30 AM Mass - Celebration & Potluck served in Marian Hall to welcome Father Joe

Wednesday, 3 August, 7:00 PM - Pastoral Council Meeting in Marian Hall

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.

July 23, 2022

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon! For more than 40 years, Retrouvaille has been a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Here in Central Wisconsin, hundreds of couples have participated in the program since 1998 with lasting success. We thank you for your vital support in sharing these announcements. We are a grass-roots volunteer-run organization by couples that have been through the program, at every level, locally and abroad. With your help we continue to “pay it forward!” The next program begins with a weekend stay, **August 19-21, 2022**. Registrations are due by August 5th to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed. Late registrations may be accepted if space is available. Please announce this program at your earliest convenience, and as often as possible from now through the beginning of August, it will be a lifeline for a couple and family in need. You can visit our website at: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/> to get all the information.

Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy - Wednesday, August 24 Living Joy is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, will present virtually on **Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris’s new book, “Living Joy,” retail cost of \$24. To register, download a brochure and/or poster, visit diolc.org/witness-joy

*“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.” ~ Luke 11:9*
