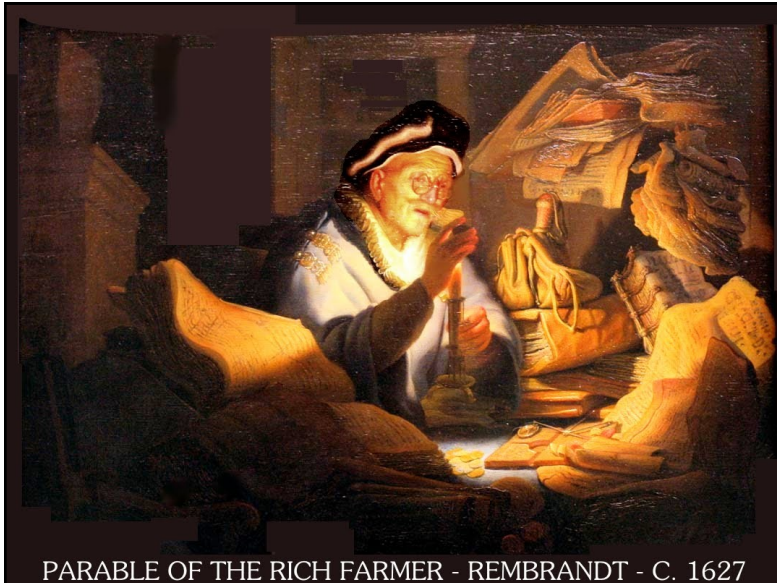


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



PARABLE OF THE RICH FARMER - REMBRANDT - C. 1627

Hello folks,

We are fast approaching the one-month anniversary (monthiversary?) of my time here. To be fully honest, in the back of my mind I've been waiting for some kind of proverbial other shoe to drop (we'll let Deacon Tony determine what that says about my own psyche). It hasn't. From the moment I got the call two months ago to come out here to Viroqua and Coon Valley there hasn't been a moment when I've known quite what to expect, but true to form the Holy Spirit has taken the lead throughout the process. As my boy St. Paul says, referring to Christ's words to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

As for a little business:

- Our Liturgy Committee met this past week to get our heads together on the flow of the Mass as well as a few extracurricular devotional opportunities and liturgical practices. We'll talk those through at Pastoral Council and get you some more details soon.
- Toward the end of this next week, you might see three extra hooligans wandering around the rectory. My college roommates and dear friends Brian, Sam, and Cullen are coming for a half-visit, half-retreat Thursday afternoon through the weekend. If you see us enjoying the beautiful evenings on the deck, give us a wave!
- We've got Pastoral Council coming up this week. The minutes from the past meeting are available in the gathering space – please feel free to take a look at what we got up to in my first week here.
- Next week we'll have adoration after the Friday Mass until 10:00 AM for First Friday. Please join us for some time if you're available!

Okay, that's it for today. God bless you all!

Fr. Joe

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

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

400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, WI 54665

July 31, 2022
18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1145*

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

July 31, 2022

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.

The Family of Pauline Engh wishes to thank all that participated in the Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life Party on July 23rd. Special thanks to Father Joe, the PCCW, Beth Lakmann, and "Fran".

Thank you!, Cathy and Denny Lund for painting and staining the parish's outdoor benches.

July 31, 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of July 18-24, 2022

Adults: \$2,493.00

Offertory: \$341.00

Youth: \$2.00

Total: \$2,836.00

June E-gifts: \$1,800.27

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 30 July, 6:30 PM Vincente Alonso

(Diana Hernandez)

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

(Carol Teadt)

Wednesday, 3 August, 6:30 PM +Katie Schroeder

(Angie Leis)

Friday, 5 August, 8:00 AM +Joe Biebl

(Veronica Tresner)

Saturday, 6 August, 6:30 PM +Angie Dickman

(Arnie & Linda Klinker)

Sunday, 7 August, 10:30 AM Martha Torres

(Diana Hernandez)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Aug. 6, 6:30 PM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister Host

Lane Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Amy Matthes Lector

Sun., Aug. 7, 10:30 AM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister Host

Alexis Scoville Altar Server

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Al Mislivecek Lector

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Friday, 5 August, after 8:00 AM Mass - Adoration until 10:00 AM

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

Sunday, 7 August, 9:45-10:15 AM Confessions in room next to choir loft stairway

Pastoral Council Members

Kris Brueggen	brueggen@mwt.net
Phyllis Krause	phylliskrause63@gmail.com
Parker Moore	parkerm53@gmail.com
Pat Peterson	peterson.pata@gmail.com
Cathy Poshepny	cposhepny@gmail.com
Dcn. Tony Shay	tafts4268@gmail.com
Dennis Vinger	dvinger@kickapoo.k12.wi.us

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 31, 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

*“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.” ~ Luke 12:15*
