

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

I have no Whoppers this week, just a few updates. I would encourage you, if you didn't get a chance to read last weekend's bulletin, to pull it up on the parish website – my article in there introduces a few important parish-life adjustments concerning adoration & confession, religious education, and the Assumption next week.

- **Incoming Missionary Priest:** Next weekend, please welcome Fr. Nghia Cao – a missionary priest from Cross Catholic Outreach joining us for the Masses at Coon Valley and Viroqua – to share a bit about the work his community is doing and to raise support for their ministries.
- **Celiac Chalice:** You may recall an announcement I made a few weeks ago about having low-gluten hosts available – that is still the case. However, I have come to find out that even low-gluten hosts can have too high a gluten content to be consumed by some folks. Coming together to celebrate Mass every Sunday is what makes us who we are; and the Eucharist is what makes the Mass what it is, so to make sure that every Catholic who's ready to receive can receive the Eucharist at Mass we're also going to make available a dedicated "Celiac Chalice" for our parishioners with Celiac disease to receive the Precious Blood. At this point you may be asking "Fr. Joe, does this mean we're bringing back Communion under both species?" Great question. The short answer is no. The longer answer is that we're not at the point where it would be prudent to distribute under both species on a general basis. A critically important theological point here is that Christ is fully present in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in both the Body and Blood at Mass, meaning, as much as receiving under both species helps illustrate what's really going on, receiving only the Body or only the Blood is just as much the real (*continued on page 2*)

August 14, 2022
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1151*

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*

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,

Wed. 7:00 PM during Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday each month after Mass

Benediction at 10 AM;

Every Wednesday 7:00 PM

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: MTWF- 8 AM-4 PM

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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(continued from page 1) thing as receiving both at the same Mass. As ever, if you have any questions about this one feel free to reach out to me; and I'll try and explain it a bit better. In the meantime, if you are in the boat where you are medically unable to receive the Body at Mass and would like to receive the Precious Blood, send me an email and I'll give you some details on how the process works.

- **Liturgical Minister Re-Orientation:** As I mentioned at the 10:30 Mass last weekend and failed to mention at the Vigil Mass, over the next several months we'll have a few rounds of re-trainings for our lectors, servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to update you on liturgical ministry with a deacon and a new priest. Lectors, servers, and EMHCs will only be expected to attend one session, so no pressure if you can't make one of these upcoming sessions – we'll have repeat performances in the next few months. The schedule is: servers – August 21 at 12:00; EMHCs – August 25 at 6:30 PM; lectors – August 28 at 12:00 PM. Plan on an hour-long session.

God bless you all,

– Fr. Joe

Father Nghia Cao was born in Vietnam and has been in the United States for 37 years. He is a Redemptorist priest of the Denver Province and has been an ordained priest for 14 years. After finishing the philosophy program at St. John's Seminary College in Camarillo, CA, Fr. Cao earned a Master of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. He served as parochial associate pastor at Holy Ghost Parish in Houston, TX as well as St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish in Whittier, CA.

In the mountainous regions of Sapa, N. Vietnam, Fr. Cao served as a missionary to the impoverished H'mong people. He served the H'mong people for 7 years raising funds for the many projects such as food, water, shelter, medical care, education, self-help programs, and emergency relief. He has spent the last 3 years assigned by his Provincial Superiors to the Liguori Mission House in the St. Louis area and is currently assigned to the Kansas City, MO Redemptorist Liguorian Magazine and parish missions.

Fr. Cao's heart is for all poor people everywhere and as God is willing, he is happy to work alongside Cross Catholic Outreach in service of our needy brothers and sisters.

PCCW News

The PCCW will meet at **5:00 PM on August 17th**. Come early for a light evening meal and fellowship. We will be making plans for our fall dinner. The meeting will be followed with the rosary and Mass and Adoration. All are welcome to come for fellowship.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of August 1-7, 2022
Adults: \$4,190.00
Offertory: \$249.40
Loaves & Fishes: \$100.00
Total: \$4,539.40
June E-gifts: \$1,800.27
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 13 August, 6:30 PM +Joe Biebl
(Angie Leis)
Sunday, 14 August, 10:30 AM +Chris Spande
(Patricia Rubasch)
Monday, 15 August, 6:30 PM +Edward Klos
(Roger & Joyce Humfeld)
Wednesday, 17 August, 6:30 PM +Angie Dickman
(Jeanette Amundson)
Friday, 19 August, 8:00 AM +Gregory Lucey
(Joan Kohlhaas)
Saturday, 20 August, 6:30 PM +Josephine Gonzolus
(Jerry & Carol Langkamp)
Sunday, 21 August, 10:30 AM +David Hansen
(St. Mary's Choir)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Aug. 20, 6:30 PM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister
Seth Kiedinger Altar Server
Dennis Vinger Lector

Sun., Aug. 21, 10:30 AM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister
Sasha Scoville Altar Server
Reuben Stevenson Altar Server
Pat Biebl Lector

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday & Sunday, 13-14 August, Volunteer Recognition

**Saturday, 13 August, 5:45-6:15 PM Confessions in room next to
choir loft stairway**

**Sunday, 14 August, 9:45-10:15 AM Confessions in room next to
choir loft stairway**

**Monday, 15 August, 6:30 PM Solemnity of the Assumption of
Mary**

Wednesday, 17 August, 5:00 PM - PCCW Meeting in Marian Hall

**Wednesday, 17 August, 7:00 PM Confession during Adoration in
room next to choir loft stairway**

**Thursday, 18 August, 6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting in the
parish Library**

**Saturday-Sunday, 20-21 August, Rev. Nghia Cao, C.Ss.R., of Cross
Catholic Outreach**

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choir loft stairway**

**Sunday, 20 August, 9:45-10:15 AM Confessions in room next to
choir loft stairway**

Sunday, 21 August, Noon, Server Workshop

Thursday, 25 August, 6:30 PM, Eucharistic Workshop

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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.

The Pregnancy Support Program at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse offers free, confidential, and unbiased life-options counseling throughout the Diocese. Our Program serves expectant mothers/fathers making a life-choice for their unborn baby as well as those who are already parenting but struggling. We provide case management by connecting clients with community resources for services such as: medical, financial, mental health, parenting skills, housing, etc. Another program service is to educate and empower the clients in their decision-making to parent, make an adoption plan, or place their baby with someone they know (kinship/guardianship care). For those who choose not to parent, the social worker prepares and supports them through the legal process of terminating parental rights, as well as the emotional aspects of that decision. Our staff understand those who made an adoption plan will process their grief/loss/acceptance at various times throughout their life, thus we welcome clients reaching out months/years after our services cease, and we hold bi-monthly birth parent support groups. For those choosing to parent, we are able to support them through providing parenting education, caring support, and baby supplies. Catholic Charities offers Pregnancy Support services in each of our 3 offices, located in Eau Claire, La Crosse and Wausau. In addition a Social Worker staffs our hotline which is available 24/7 by calling 888-212-HELP or by texting 715-600-6391. Providing Help...Creating Hope.

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.

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" ~ Luke 12:49
