

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello folks,

So, you remember that time at the 5-Minutes-More (really 12-Minutes-More – we’ve got to talk to someone about that title) I told you I intend to make no major changes during my tenure as Parochial Administrator here? Well, I’ve got a Whopper for you. Before that though, a few more innocuous things from last week’s Pastoral Council:

- First, we’re moving the Pastoral Council meeting time from after the Wednesday Mass to before it, at 5:00 effective September 7. This will make room for →
- The second schedule addition – starting this coming week, we are adding in an hour of adoration and confession after our 6:30 Wednesday Mass. As someone accurately pointed out, that’ll put an effective time limit on our meetings, meaning I have to limit my soapbox time. That’s my burden to carry. Note well, this is not replacing or eliminating our First Friday adoration after the 8:00 Mass.
- Third, the Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15) is happening on a Monday this year. Ordinarily the Assumption is one of our Holy Days of Obligation – those days when practicing Catholics are expected to attend a Mass as on Sundays. As is often the case when a Holy Day falls close to a weekend and as is definitively the case in this instance, that obligation can be dispensed. This means you are not required to attend Mass on August 15, but since it remains such an important day in the life of the Church, we’ll be celebrating Masses in Viroqua at 6:30 PM and in Coon Valley at 8:00 AM. Strictly extracurricular, warmly welcomed.

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August 7, 2022
19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1148*

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: M - 8 AM-3:45 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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Now for the Whopper. You'll be hearing more about this in the coming weeks, but we are revamping our Religious Education program, using Sophia Press' *A Family of Faith*. The most visible change this will bring concerns scheduling – rather than a weekly classroom session, *A Family of Faith* operates on a monthly schedule. Each month, a catechist teaches that month's curriculum to parents in week one, the parents teach it to their family via age-appropriate activities and lessons in week two, coming together for Mass in week three, and options for extracurricular community engagement in week four. A few significant concerns are speeding this process along, chief among them being a desire to center our parish life and religious education on the Sunday Mass, a desire to root religious education in the family, an honest admission of my own limitations, and the simple fact that I've seen programs like this work. To that end, I will be offering our second State-of-the-Union address (I'm ditching the five-minutes-more title for this one, too, but fortunately for you I do have a noon time constraint) after Masses on August 20-21. At that session I'll try to answer some of the questions you've got, such as "Why are you dropping a whopper on us so soon in your tenure?" "What does this mean about First Communion/Confirmation?" etc. In the meantime, feel free to directly ask me any questions you have, too. We're entrusting this process to the Holy Spirit.

That's enough for this weekend. God bless you, and thank you for sticking through a long article!

– Fr. Joe

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.

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.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of July 25-31, 2022

Adults: \$2,147.00

Offertory: \$394.48

Youth: \$4.00

Loaves & Fishes: \$30.00

Total: \$2,575.48

June E-gifts: \$1,800.27

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

(Arnie & Linda Klinker)

Sunday, 7 August, 10:30 AM Martha Torres

(Diana Hernandez)

Wednesday, 10 August, 6:30 PM +Edward Klos

(Pat Klos)

Friday, 12 August, 8:00 AM +Jim Graham

(Tom & Mary Modrich)

Saturday, 13 Saturday, 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)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Aug. 13, 6:30 PM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Seth Kiedinger Altar Server

Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun., Aug. 14, 10:30 AM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Royce Scoville Altar Server

Dale Pertzborn Lector

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Tuesday-Sunday, August 9-14 , Fran on vacation - Parish Office open Mon., 8 AM-3:45 PM, Wed., August 10 & Fri., August 12, 10 AM-3 PM

Wednesday, 10 August, 7:00 PM Confession during Adoration in room next to choir loft stairway

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

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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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

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.

*“Gird your loins and light your lamps...,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.” ~ Luke 12:35*
