

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

We are just one week away from Holy Week now. We're pulling back on decorations around our churches, marking the subdued, somber feeling of this particular culmination, and we catch our breath one last time before the plunge. I've been leaning hard into the Story of Holy Week – it's not a scattered smattering of extra events, but one long passage from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to His Last Supper with the disciples to His ordeal from the Garden until the crucifixion until finally we reach the triumph of the resurrection. If you'd like to be a bit more familiar with this whole narrative, I'll refer you back to last weekend's bulletin (available on either church's website), and in the meantime allow me to highlight a few of the Moments and extra curriculars available over the next two weeks.

The Holy Week schedule:

- Palm Sunday Masses at the regular times
- Passion Play in Cashton at 7:00 PM on March 24, with a few of our Coon Valley kids included
- Monday Confess-a-thon (not the official name), where a dozen or so priests (myself included) will rotate through at the Cathedral to hear confessions from 9:00-6:00
- Tuesday Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 10:30, where the priests of our diocese gather to renew their promises and the Bishop blesses the Chrism Oil, Oil for Anointing of the Sick, and Oil of Catechumens
- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:15 PM in Viroqua
 - Followed by an evening of adoration until midnight in the room next to Fran's office (follow the hall right around from the church). The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with a suspenseful procession out of the church with the Blessed Sacrament to a separate chapel. We have a signup at both churches this weekend to make sure there are (*continued on page 2*)

March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1029*

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 5:45 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

Livestreaming Mass

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Diocese of La Crosse

Televised Mass on

Channel 19, Sunday, 9:30 AM

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. 6:15 PM during Adoration

Rosary:

The Holy Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before all Masses

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday each month after Mass

Benediction at 10 AM;

Every Wednesday 6:15 PM

Giving:

Phone app - https://tithe.ly/give_new

On-line -

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

Parish Offices & 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, Pastor, (608) 606-9787; Deacon Tony Shay; Diana Hernandez-Torres, Sacristan

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(continued from page 1) a few folks present each hour until midnight – if you are available, please take a look and sign up for one of these slots. Likewise, feel free to stop in even without signing up. This evening follows that charged question Jesus asks his disciples, “could you not watch one hour with me?”

- Good Friday services at 12:10 PM in Coon Valley and 3:00 PM in Viroqua
- Passion Play in Viroqua at 7:00 PM
- Easter Vigil at 8:15 PM in Viroqua. This is a long one, and profoundly beautiful.
- Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Mass in Coon Valley, 10:30 AM in Viroqua.
 - After the 10:30 Mass we’ll have a potluck Easter Brunch downstairs – please RSVP by marking yourself down on the signup sheet or by emailing juliemoore29@gmail.com.

Okay, deep breath. God bless you and have a holy Holy Week!

Fr. Joe

All are invited to watch the youth of the Tri-Parishes perform **The Lord's Passion on Palm Sunday (March 24th) at 7:00 PM.**

PASSION PLAY: St Mary's will have a live performance of the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ on **Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM.** It takes many hands to produce good theater so if you interested in helping with acting, costumes, props, set production, lighting, makeup, etc., please contact Brenda Corr 608.632.5208. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-8 PM in the church during Lent with possible additional times during Holy Week. (Parental discretion is advised for children under the age of reason as this will be a realistic depiction of Christ's suffering and death on the cross.)

Coffee and Kids - Parents, grandparents, and caregivers, please join us on the first Tuesday of each month for coffee and conversation as our children play! We will meet in the downstairs classroom from 9:00-10:30am. Coffee and a snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please call/text Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706. We look forward to seeing you!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of March 4-10, 2024

Offertory: \$2,982.25

Easter Flowers: \$545.00

Total: \$3,527.25

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

February E-gifts: \$2,172.05

2023-2024

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,130.00

Pledged: \$33,502.50

Cash to date: \$31,276.24

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 16 March, 6:30 PM +Tony Hovezak

(Roger & Phyllis Krause)

Sunday, 17 March, 10:30 AM +Lucille Krause

(Dave & Sue Fanta)

Wednesday, 20 March, 5:45 PM +Rita Menne

(Family of Rita Menne)

Friday, 22 March, 8:00 AM +Carol Cade

(Veronica Tresner)

Saturday, 23 March, 6:30 PM +Ruth Priscilla Lee

(Libby Frank)

Sunday, 24 March, 10:30 AM People of the Annunciation & St.

Mary's Parishes

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR MARCH: ST. BRIDGET

Saturday, 16 March, 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 17 March, 9:00 AM Confirmation Instruction

Sunday, 17 March, 10:00 AM Children's Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, 19 March, 1:00 PM Parish Book Club in the parish library

Tuesday, 19 March, 5:00-7:30 PM Marriage Group meeting in Marian Hall

Tuesday, 19 March, 6:00-8:00 PM Passion Play rehearsal in church

Wednesday, 20 March, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 20 March, 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross

Thursday, 21 March, 6:00-8:00 PM Eucharistic Revival in Marian Hall

Friday, 22 March, 6:00-8:00 PM Passion Play rehearsal in church

Sunday, 24 March, 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

Monday, 25 March, 5:00-6:30 PM Community Meal at Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday, 27 March, 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross

Thursday, 28 March, 5:15 PM Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, 29 March, 12:10 PM Good Friday Service in Coon Valley

Friday, 29 March, 3:00 PM Good Friday Service in Viroqua

Friday, 29 March, 7:00 PM Passion Play

Saturday, 30 March, 8:15 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, 31 March, 10:30 AM Easter Mass

The PCCW and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish \$500 scholarships available. Application forms are in the atrium or may be downloaded from the parish website, www.stmaryparish.org. Applications due in the parish office by **Monday, April 15.**

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Mar. 16, 6:30 PM

Julie Moore Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

Seth Kiedinger Altar Server

Paul O'Rourke Lector

Sun., Mar. 17, 10:30 AM

Kyle Prorok Eucharistic Minister

Amelia Kimmert Altar Server

Jacob Kimmert Altar Server

Mariah Sullivan Altar Server

Stephen Lambert Lector

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

Join **Pro-Life Wisconsin** for a night out with fellow pro-lifers at our Spring Social on **April 18, 2024** from 6pm-8pm at the Lodge at Mauston (104 Lodge Lane Mauston, WI 53948). Enjoy dinner, drinks, fantastic company, and hear powerful real-life testimony from one of our faithful sidewalk counselors, Mr. Don Hudzinski. **Tickets are \$40 each available through Monday, March 25.** For more information and to register go to ProLifeWI.org/spring-social.

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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.

Abby Johnson Speaking at April 13, DCCW Convention in La Crosse—You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse on Saturday, April 13, at the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Biennial Convention. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film *Unplanned*. To learn more, visit dccw.org; registration forms available in the Atrium.

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