

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

First, some business – a redaction and a schedule change. The redaction: I announced last weekend that we are putting on a passion play on Good Friday, casting older kids and teens. I immediately take that back. We are seeking older teens and adults to play the rolls – I apologize for that misunderstanding. Second, the schedule change. Our patronal (namesake) feast day falls on March 25, which is during Holy Week this year. This feast day is transferred to April 8, this year only, so mark your calendars for a special Annunciation Mass at 5:15. Now onto some reflection.

I want to take a moment this weekend to return to Deacon's homily from last weekend. He opened up two specific categories of self-gift that you may or may not be familiar with – the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (to clarify, "corporal" means having to do with the body, or the physical). These are an *excellent* tool to consider during Lent, especially when it comes to the "almsgiving" part of the Lenten Big Three (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) – they ask the question "how can I go out of my way to look out for the other?" I also (*continued on page 2*)

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1023*

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: MTWTF- 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) appreciated the point Deacon made about the emphasis we place on the corporal works of mercy, sometimes at the expense of the spiritual works – the physical works are accessible, understandable – when we exercise them, we see a tangible result. But the spiritual works of mercy are what move us from caring for the body to caring for the whole person. There's a necessary balance between the two – we care for people's physical (corporal) needs specifically so we can get to the deeper care of their spiritual needs; but if we don't have the physical safety to survive, we'll never have the opportunity to thrive.

Anyway, allow me to present these works of mercy one more time for your continued reflection. As we keep walking deeper and deeper into Lent, take a good minute to consider how you can live one or two of them out – don't feel pressured to live every one (or you'll never get started at all), but certainly feel the freedom to stretch new muscles. In list form, here we go:

The Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy: Counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, praying for the living and the dead.

God bless you, pray well,

Fr. Joe

Healing Mass and Service-Cashton, WI

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on **March 4th** at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30 pm with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

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 will be Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-8 PM in Marian Hall 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.)

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**.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Feb. 19-Mar. 3, 2024

Offertory: \$3,830.11

Ash Wednesday \$20.00

Total: \$3,850.11

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

January E-gifts: \$1,978.87

2023-2024

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,130.00

Pledged: \$33,202.50

Cash to date: \$30,976.24

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2 March, 6:30 PM +William & Michelle Chart
(Darlene Chart)

Sunday, 3 March, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks
(Guy Nicks Family)

Wednesday, 6 March, 5:45 PM +Jim Graham
(Ann Graham Family)

Friday, 8 March, 8:00 AM +Angeline Nelligan
(Patricia Rubasch)

Saturday, 9 March, 6:30 PM +Reinie Leis
(Angie Leis)

Sunday, 10 March, 10:30 AM +Sharon Weiher
(Jeanette Amundson)

CHURCH CALENDAR

All PCCW Circles have been updated

PCCW CIRCLE FOR MARCH: ST. BRIDGET

Saturday, 2 March, 5:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, 2 March, St. Joseph Circle Meet/Greet Meeting in
Atrium following Mass

Sunday, 3 March, 9:00 AM Confirmation Instruction

Sunday, 3 March, Family of Faith Religious Ed & Early Childhood
Religious Ed/Activities following 10:30 AM Mass

Sunday, 3 March, Children's Choir Rehearsal during Religious Ed
following 10:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, 5 March, 6:00-8:00 PM Passion Play rehearsal in Marian
Hall

Wednesday, 6 March, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in
Marian Hall

Wednesday, 6 March, noon-1:30 PM Inspired Steering Committee
meeting in Parish Library

Wednesday, 6 March, 4:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting in Marian
Hall

Wednesday, 6 March, 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross

Thursday, 7 March, 6:00-8:00 PM Eucharistic Revival in Marian
Hall

Thursday, 7 March, 6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting in the
parish library

Friday, 8 March, 6:00-8:00 PM Passion Play rehearsal in Marian
Hall

Sunday, 10 March, 2:00 AM Daylight Savings Time begins ~ spring
ahead!

Sunday, 10 March, 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 10 March, 2 March, St. Joseph Circle Meet/Greet Meeting
in Atrium following Mass

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Mar. 2, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

Sebastian Kimmert Altar Server

Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun., Mar. 3, 10:30 AM

Al Mislivecek Eucharistic Minister

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Royce Scoville Altar Server

Melanie Halvorson Lector

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

St. Joseph Circle Meet/Greet

Meetings in the atrium following

Masses on Saturday, March 2nd

and Sunday, March 10th. St.

Joseph Circle Chairs, Sarah Olson

(608-606-5661) and Pat Peterson

(608-606-1761) will be available to

meet and gather information from

the St. Joseph Circle Members.

Members requested to attend one of

these short meetings not to exceed

30 minutes and provide input on

Circle activities.

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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.

Cabin Feverfest: St. Peter's Parish in Middle Ridge will be hosting their annual Euchre tournament & Luncheon on **Sunday, March 3rd**. The doors open for lunch at noon, and the card games start at 1 PM. The cost is \$15 per person which includes entry in the tournament, a variety of soups, snacks & beverages. Prizes will be awarded. Please call 608-452-4680 with any questions.

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