

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

Over the last few weeks, we've had several Big Picture things going on on a Diocesan level. On Tuesday the 28th I met with the Bishop and received an early showing of what he presented at the next few days' Priest Unity Days – a concern for the health and holiness of his priests, a concern for the health and holiness of his people, and an awareness of a broad need to establish trust between him and his Diocese. He laid out a three-phase roadmap: from now until the end of next Lent he's working on his relationship with his priests, culminating in a Mass of Reparation, from Easter until Christmas next year he's working on his relationship with his people (yourselves), and from Christmas 2025-Pentecost 2026 he's working on the relationships between his people and his priests (yourselves and ourselves). I'm waiting to hear what this looks like in specific (*continued on page 2*)

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400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, WI 54665

June 30, 2024
13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1129*

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 5:15 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. 5:45 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 5:45 PM

Giving:

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

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(continued from page 1) detail, but it is powerful to see our shepherd recognizing the need for restoration and wholeness in the Diocese. His intentional presence at our Sunday Masses on July 28 is a very good sign. My brothers and I left the conference with a strong sense of hope and expectation, certainly with a curiosity about what's coming.

I mentioned last weekend that this convocation concluded with the ordination of Fr. David Nowicki. Ordinations are a highlight of the year for priests – welcoming a new brother to the ministry and another curiosity about what his priesthood will look like. Over the next several years we'll see a variety in ordination numbers: three next year (including our own Dcn. Matthew), I think one the year after that, none scheduled for 2027, then hopefully another few years with 1-3 new priests. Pray for men to listen to the call to the priesthood – when all is said and done the priesthood is the chief variable in how a Diocese is served.

This brings me to the final note – on Thursday my classmates Frs. Sam, Daniel, and Levi, and I celebrated our own fourth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. When we got ordained four years ago without any particular fanfare, with an allowance of ten guests apiece in that big Cathedral, my plan was to spend the next four years as an associate pastor, serving under and learning from one of our Big Dogs. Of course, that plan changed two years ago when I came out here to serve you in Coon Valley and Viroqua. It was an earlier start to this particular brand of priestly ministry; and while I would have gladly accepted more time in formation, I am deeply grateful for these last two years we've had together and the time we have coming up. I'll ask you for a particular gift of prayer for myself as I shepherd you – a parish is a big combination of needs and opportunities that require careful coordination, and the only way that we navigate our course well will be by our own docility and openness to the Holy Spirit. He's in charge, and He knows what He's doing.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Please extend congratulations to **Brandon Lee and Lauren Woods** who were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

Coffee and Kids Tuesday July 2nd

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 9:00-10:30 am. 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!

Women's Night Out

The women of the parish are invited to a night out at **Old Towne Inn at 5:30 PM, Thursday, July 18th** for fellowship and fun. We will meet to make plans for the activities for the rest of the year. **Please RSVP** to Joyce Humfeld at 608-634-4059 or 608-606-0873 or email at rojofarms@yahoo.com **by July 15th** so that reservations can be made.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of June 17-23, 2024

Offertory: \$4,332.10

Total: \$4,332.10

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

May E-gifts: \$2,312.60

2023-2024

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,130.00

Pledged: \$39,972.50

Cash to date: \$39,972.50

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 29 June, 6:30 PM +Joe & Roger Biebl

(Biebl Family)

Sunday, 30 June, 10:30 AM Women of the Parish

(PCCW)

Wednesday, 3 July, 5:15 PM +Bob Dickman

(Angie Leis)

Friday, 5 July, 8:00 AM +Verna Mae Buhr

(Patricia Biebl)

Saturday, 6 July, 6:30 PM +Guy Nicks

(Guy Nicks Family)

Sunday, 7 July, 10:30 AM +PJ Hauser

(Bud & Ione Hauser)

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR JUNE: ST. ANTHONY

PCCW CIRCLE FOR JULY: ST. BRIDGET

Tuesday, 2 July, 9:00-10:30 AM Coffee & Kids in downstairs classroom

Tuesday, 2 July, Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, 3 July, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Friday, 5 July, Parish Office Closed

Friday, 5 July, First Friday Adoration following Mass

Friday, 5 July, 4:00 PM Pastoral Council meeting in Marian Hall

Ministry Schedule

Sat., June 29, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Lane Fisher Altar Server

Will Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun., June 30, 10:30 AM

Jacque Shay Eucharistic Minister

Francis Corr Altar Server

Reuben Stevenson Altar Server

Dale Pertzborn Lector

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

The 121st annual St. Charles Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 7th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa, Wisconsin. Most events will be held outdoors, with dining inside the adjacent school. Entry to the event is free and open to the public. Food will feature Pogy's chickencue with the addition of locally-made risotto, raffles, bingo and a number of games for kids. Chickencue meals are \$15, hot dog meals are available for younger attendees for \$6. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (608) 689-2642.

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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.

REMINDER: Please pick up your containers at your earliest convenience and take home or dispose of any leftover food if necessary.



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