

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

Nailing a schedule is hard. Case in point, I once spent seven hours at O'Hare waiting for a puddle jumper to La Crosse (famously a 4-hour drive), because of course Chicago is the worst (I think I saw that in the 2017 Guinness World Records). Another case in point, for our Sunday morning folks this is the second of three weekends in a row where you won't see Deacon Matthew (the fruit of my scheduling) – last weekend he was in Milwaukee with his teaching parish, next weekend he will be in Indianapolis with the diocesan seminarians for the Eucharistic Congress, and this Sunday morning I've sent him down to Prairie du Chien to represent our parish at Fr. Brandon Guenther's installation as the new boss down there. All that's to say that even if you haven't seen our seminarian deacon, it's not because he's fled – he's just got a full calendar! Deacon Matthew is still with us through the week and will be until he goes back to school for one final year after August 11, before his June 28, 2024. ordination.

On another scheduling note, let me give you a heads up that I will be heading up North for a Boundary Waters trip from August 5-14. I'll break this up into two trips – for the first half some of our parishioners are going to brave the wild with me, then I'll drop them off at their cars and head back out for a solo excursion for a few days. This has been a big part of my life ever since a Chicago priest (Chicago's not all bad) brought myself and a few other seminarians into the wilderness back in 2016. Since then, I've found tremendous consolation and grounding in annual outings into the silence, bigness, and rootedness of the Boundary Waters. I find something very powerful in being surrounded by a (*continued on page 2*)

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July 14, 2024
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1135*

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) wilderness that doesn't revolve around me, that doesn't mind my safety/unsafety (which of course demands its fair share of precautions on my part), and that remains both before and after I venture into it. There's something to be said about the fact that that loon over there was swimming and fishing on this same lake a month before I arrived and will be in the same place until it migrates a few months later.

Anyhow, there are a few heads up about some scheduling speedbumps in the near future. In the meantime, it's full steam ahead! God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Everyone is in need of prayer. The **prayer chain** has been a part of our parish ministry that was started many years ago. We are in need of updating our prayer chain with current names and phone numbers. As a member of the prayer chain, you will agree to faithfully pray for the needs of the fellow parishioners' requests for prayers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please sign up on the list posted in the atrium. Prayers can be requested by notifying the parish office. If any questions, call Ann - 608-637-7654.

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.

Parish Library

Come check out the Parish Library! You can check out a book by taking it home, reading it, and then returning it to the bin.

We are hoping to increase the content in the Parish Library by adding some new books. If you would like to donate money as a way to support this effort, please make your check out to the Annunciation of the BVM with 'parish library' in the memo line or cash in envelope marked 'for the parish library'. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office or placed in the weekend's contributions baskets.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of July 1-7, 2024

Offertory: \$3,830.00

Total: \$3,830.00

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

June E-gifts: \$2,125.91

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 13 July, 6:30 PM Women of the Parish
(PCCW)

Sunday, 14 July, 10:30 AM +Ed Marks
(Patricia Biebl)

Wednesday, 17 July, 5:15 PM +Lucille Krause
(Jay & Diana Thurston)

Friday, 19 July, 8:00 AM +Darlene Abert
(Carol Teadt)

Saturday, 20 July, 6:30 PM +Ambrose Timmerman
(Patricia Biebl)

Sunday, 21 July, 10:30 AM Patrick & Kevin Hall
(Lawrence Rehman)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., July 13, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Matthew Szymanski Eucharistic Minister
Seth Kiedinger Altar Server
Mark Brueggen Lector

Sun., July 14, 10:30 AM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister
Amelia Kimmet Altar Server
Jacob Kimmet Altar Server
Mariah Sullivan Altar Server
Matthew Tubbin Lector

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR JULY: ST. BRIDGET

Tuesday, 16 July, 1:00 PM Parish Book Club in parish library

Wednesday, 17 July, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Thursday, 18 July, 5:30 PM Women's Night Out at Old Towne Inn, Westby

Friday, 19 July, 5:00 PM Dobson wedding rehearsal

Saturday, 20 July, 1:30 PM Dobson wedding

Monday, 22 July, 5:00-6:30 PM Community Meal at Good Shepherd Church, Viroqua

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a virtual *Healthy Living with Chronic Pain* workshop for 6

Wednesday afternoons starting

August 7, through September 11,.

This workshop focuses on strategies for understanding and managing pain and stress management for adults. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870 or email wellness@gundersenhealth.org.

After registering, participants will be sent an email with a link to join the class and a book which they would keep would be mailed to them.

2nd Annual Picnic on the Lawn – Community event

Saturday, July 27, 2024 from 11 AM – 4 PM at St. Mary Parish,

Coon Valley, WI. The event is free to everyone. Join us for a hog roast by Simply Smoked, live music by Leather and Lace, bounce house, dunk tank, snow cones, bingo, kids games and more. We are accepting good will donations and some entertainment is at a nominal fee. Bring your lawn chair and join us for a great afternoon.

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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.

West Prairie Singers Summer Concert
Saturday, July 20, 3:00 PM
at North West Prairie Lutheran Church
 refreshments after concert

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"I will hear what the Lord God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful." ~ Psalm 85:9ab