

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



**September 22, 2024**  
**25th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1165*

### **Eucharist**

**Saturdays - 6:30 PM**

**Sundays - 10:30 AM**

**Wednesday - 5:15 PM**

**Fridays - 8:00 AM**

### **Livestreaming Mass**

[www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://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

Hello friends,

Back when Dcn. Matthew started with us in May or June or so, he commented something like “y’all are gonna see a lot of seminarians come through here” (I remember him having a Southern accent, and I refuse to change that memory). I’ve been very grateful for the chance to have several of these guys come through St. Mary’s and St. Mary’s – John last summer, Noah through the school year, Dcn. Matthew this summer – and I owe a lot of it to a happy convergence of proximity to La Crosse, a fair demographic representation of the Diocese broadly, and the different programming and opportunities our parishes have going on. Still, when Dcn. Matthew made that comment I flinched a little for the possibility of misleading all of you – we have a decent number of guys in seminary, but they certainly don’t make up a limitless pool. Anyway, I was wrong. This weekend we’re introducing our Journey Seminarian for the year – Joey Uhlir.

Let’s back up a bit. If you’re unfamiliar with the term, a “seminarian” is someone considering becoming a priest and studying priest things. It entails college studies, usually in philosophy, then typically four years of grad (*continued on page 2*)

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*(continued from page 1)* school in theology. Sometimes guys tack on extra studies (like my fraternity brother Fr. Ethan in Tomah, who just finished up a year in Rome studying liturgy), sometimes not. When a man enters seminary, he is very much not signing on the dotted line – that doesn't entirely happen until the moment very late in the game when he's ordained a deacon. While a seminarian is in college and grad school, he's also given opportunities (like John Francis spending the summer with us – Dcn. Matthew's discernment is concluded) to encounter the life he's considering and build up his data pool, so to speak. This earnest discernment is a major part of a seminarian's time in formation: learning what the priesthood is and what a priest's ministry looks like so that he can most clearly ask the question "is this where God is asking me to invest my life?"

Back to Joey. Just like with Noah last academic year, Joey is starting off his time in seminary with the Journey Program, a year-long exploration of spirituality, formation, and study up at the Diocese under Fr. Nate Kuhn. Once a month he (and the other Journey guys at other parishes) will join us for a weekend's Masses and programming, so you'll see him around for a bit here. Please introduce yourself; and if you would like to get to know him a bit more, allow me to recommend reaching out to him or myself with a dinner or lunch offer after Masses.

God bless you!

Fr. Joe

This Sunday we welcome **Eleanor Jane Fritz** into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Eleanor is the daughter of Matthew and Emily (Drone) Fritz. Welcome to this community of faith!

### **Advance Care Planning Workshops**

If you could not speak for yourself, who would you want to make medical decisions for you? What would you want this person to know about your healthcare goals and values? Life is so unpredictable. We never know when an illness or injury will occur. That is why it is extremely important to write your wishes down.

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows you to designate a person to make your healthcare decisions, **only if you cannot make them yourself!** It also allows you to include specific treatment preferences and instructions for your care. In collaboration, St. Mary's and The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches will host two free Advance Care Planning Workshops. These workshops will address Catholic beliefs, treatment options and assist you in creating or updating your own Advance Care Plan.

Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 3-5 pm

Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church

900 Central Avenue, Coon Valley, Wisconsin

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Sep. 9-15, 2024

Offertory: \$3,082.47

Total: \$3,082.47

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

August E-gifts: \$2,292.03

THANK YOU!

## Ministry Schedule

### **Sat., Sep. 21, 6:30 PM**

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

Seth Kiedinger Altar Server

Mark Brueggen Lector

### **Sun., Sep. 22, 10:30 AM**

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Amelia Kimmet Altar Server

Jacob Kimmet Altar Server

Megan Prorok Lector

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

**Raffle tickets are here** - there will be someone in the atrium after all Masses to hand out tickets. All families please take one book - try to sell them or buy them yourself. You are supporting the PCCW in their activities.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 21 September, 6:30 PM +Lawrence George King**  
(Nathan & Clare King)

**Sunday, 22 September, 10:30 AM People of the Annunciation & St. Mary's Parishes**

**Wednesday, 25 September, 5:15 PM +Debra Skildum**  
(Angie Leis)

**Friday, 27 September, 8:00 AM +Bernie Harter**  
(Jane Harter & John Harter)

**Saturday, 28 September, 6:30 PM +Joyce Dolan**  
(Biebl Family)

**Sunday, 29 September, 10:30 AM +Joyce Dolan**  
(Tom Dolan & Girls)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**PCCW CIRCLE FOR SEPTEMBER: ST. JOSEPH**

**Sunday, 22 September, Baptism of Eleanor Jane Fritz during Mass**

**Monday, 23 September, 5:00-6:30 PM Community Meal at Good Shepherd Church**

**Wednesday, 25 September, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall**

**Wednesday, 25 September, 1:00 PM Community Dinner meeting in Marian Hall**

**Annual Pancake Breakfast – October 13** St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon**. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. New this year – Pancake topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

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Date: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 12-2 pm

Location: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling either parish at 608-452-3841 or 608-637-7711. You may also register by email to [StMaryInformation@mwt.net](mailto:StMaryInformation@mwt.net). Please leave your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

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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.

## SAVE THE DATE ~ OCTOBER 16!



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