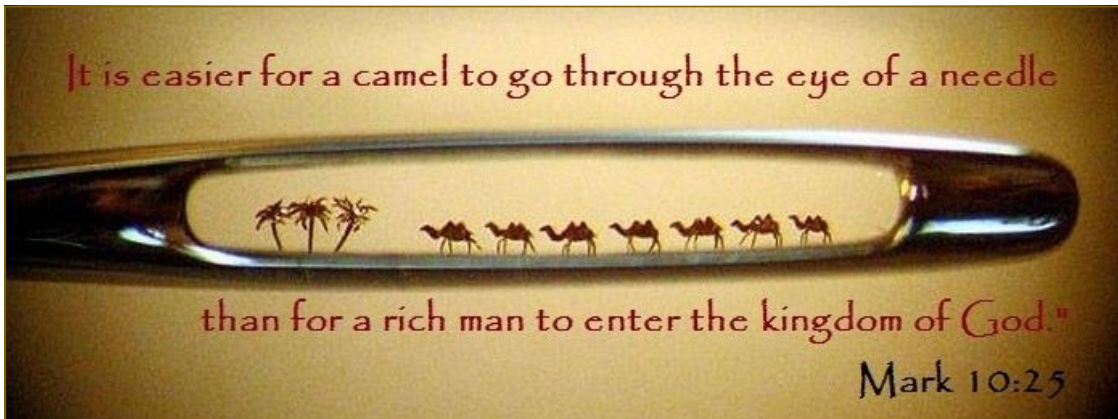


# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



**October 13, 2024**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal, #1174*

## **Eucharist**

**Saturdays** - 6:30 PM  
**Sundays** - 10:30 AM  
**Wednesday** - 5:15 PM  
**Fridays** - 8:00 AM

## **Livestreaming Mass**

[www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](https://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**

OPEN: MTWF- 8 AM-4 PM

Hello friends,

First, an FYI on some daily Mass adjustments: October 16's Mass is moved from 5:15 to 12:10 for the Fall Dinner; October 22's 5:15 Mass is cancelled for Fall Ministry Days, and October 31's 8:00 Mass in Coon Valley is moved to 5:15 to act as a Vigil Mass for All Saints' Day. Viroqua's All Saints' Masses will be on November 1 at 8:00 and 12:10. And now for some meandering reflection.

On Wednesday evening this past week I sat down Viroqua's Finance Council for our bimonthly meeting (incidentally, "bimonthly" means both twice a month and every other month, perfectly not confusing) and a strange tension struck me: here we were talking about lighting, our financial position, and upcoming projects, while 1400 miles away some guy I don't know was stepping back from his pre-hurricane preparations in the calm before the storm to ask the question, "are we ready for this?" Let's see if I can define that tension a bit more – on the one hand, here we were settling down to the very real and very important work of administering the parish's resources (Big Problems don't make Little Problems go away) – we had a very local job to do, and we were getting down to do it. On the other hand, the life-and-death stakes of our Floridian friends gave our local work some perspective.

I think it's important to make real room for both of these realities. If I forget about the very tangible Big Problems and difficulties people are dealing with, I can turn local molehills into disproportionate mountains. At the same time, if I am so wrapped up in a crisis I don't have any real control over that I stall out and come to a stop, I miss doing the Needful Thing that's set very particularly and locally in front of me for me to do here and now. Hearing and even witnessing other people's very real crises (not to speak of our own crises) opens the door for gratitude, sympathy, and even compassion. Recognizing and acting on the Needful Thing brings about positive change and development (our word for it is "subsidiarity").

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*(continued from page 1)* Now for a big swing. This tension is perhaps especially important as we come up on elections next month. For better or worse, you and I are global citizens, and the results of November Fourth's election will have a real impact on our lives. It is good to be concerned about politics and to form and inform my conscience and mind to vote well – that is, to do what I can do. But unless you or I are in a position to do something about it, it is perhaps *not* good to be so concerned about politics that the outcome of any political race embitters me, isolates/cuts me off from my brothers and sisters, and blinds me to the Needful Thing I can actually do something about. Catholics are sometimes okay with Tensions, and that balance between participation/concern in Big Movements and earnest local action is a great example.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

We extend sympathy to the family of **Alan J. Abt** who passed away Sunday, September 22, 2024. Private services were held last week. May he rest in peace.

### **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

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 [StMaryFormation@mwt.net](mailto:StMaryFormation@mwt.net). Please leave your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

# October 13, 2024

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Sep. 30-Oct.6, 2024  
 Offertory: \$5,943.00  
 Mission Sunday: \$20.00  
 Total: \$5,963.00  
 Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00  
 August E-gifts: \$2,292.03

THANK YOU!

## Ministry Schedule

### Sat., Oct. 12, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister  
 Seth Kiedinger Altar Server  
 Sebastian Kimmet Altar Server  
 Dennis Vinger Lector

### Sun., Oct. 13, 10:30 AM

Kyle Prorok Eucharistic Minister  
 Royce Scoville Altar Server  
 Alexis Scoville Altar Server  
 Sasha Scoville Altar Server  
 Matthew Tubbin Lector

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

### Couples Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026?

If you or someone you know will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2025 or 2026, please contact the parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in parish records. The Diocese sends out certificates and an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that includes Mass with the Bishop followed by dinner.

**Fall Dinner is this Wednesday** - there are still a lot of open volunteer slots. Please take a look at the list in the atrium and sign up to help where you can!

**Reminder** for workers: on the day of the dinner park in the upper parking lot and check in will be in the library/ cry room.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 12 October, 6:30 PM +Ambrose Timmerman**  
 (Timmerman Family)  
**Sunday, 13 October, 10:30 AM +Joe & Roger Biebl**  
 (Biebl Family)  
**Wednesday, 16 October, 12:10 PM +Joyce Dolan**  
 (Joann Swanson)  
**Friday, 18 October, 8:00 AM +Ivan Cowell**  
 (Angie Leis)  
**Saturday, 19 October, 6:30 PM +Don Stirling**  
 (Peg O'Rourke)  
**Sunday, 20 October, 10:30 AM Women of the Parish**  
 (PCCW)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### ***PCCW CIRCLE FOR OCTOBER: ST. ANTHONY***

**Sunday, 13 October, 7:30 AM-Noon Annual Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's Parish in Coon Valley**  
**Sunday, 13 October, 9:15 AM Choir rehearsal**  
**Sunday, 13 October, 12:00-1:30 PM "The Great Divorce" book discussion in the parish library**  
**Tuesday, 15 October, 12:00-3:00 PM turkey pickup in Marian Hall**  
**Tuesday, 15 October, 1:00 PM Parish Book Club meets in the parish library**  
**Tuesday, 15 October, 3:00-5:00 PM Advanced Care Planning in St. Mary's Parish church hall in Coon Valley**  
**Wednesday-Tuesday, starting at noon 16-22 October, Parish Office closed** Fran attending granddaughter's wedding in Missouri  
**Wednesday, 16 October, 4:00-7:00 PM Annual Fall Turkey Dinner in Marian Hall**  
**Thursday, 17 October, 6:30-8:00 PM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall**  
**Friday, 18 October, 9:00-10:30 AM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall**  
**Saturday, 20 October, 5:45 PM Choir rehearsal**  
**Sunday, 20 October, 9:00-10:15 AM Confirmation Class in Marian Hall & classroom**  
**Sunday, 20 October, 9:00-10:30 AM Family of Faith & Safe Environment training at St. Mary's church basement in Coon Valley**  
**Sunday, 20 October, 10:00 AM Children's Choir rehearsal**

### **First Sessions for following ongoing formation programs:**

**Monday, 21 October, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in first floor classroom**  
**Wednesday, 23 October, 6:30-7:30 PM RCIA in Marian Hall**  
**Sunday, 27 October, 9:00-10:15 AM Theology of the Body in Marian Hall**

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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.



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