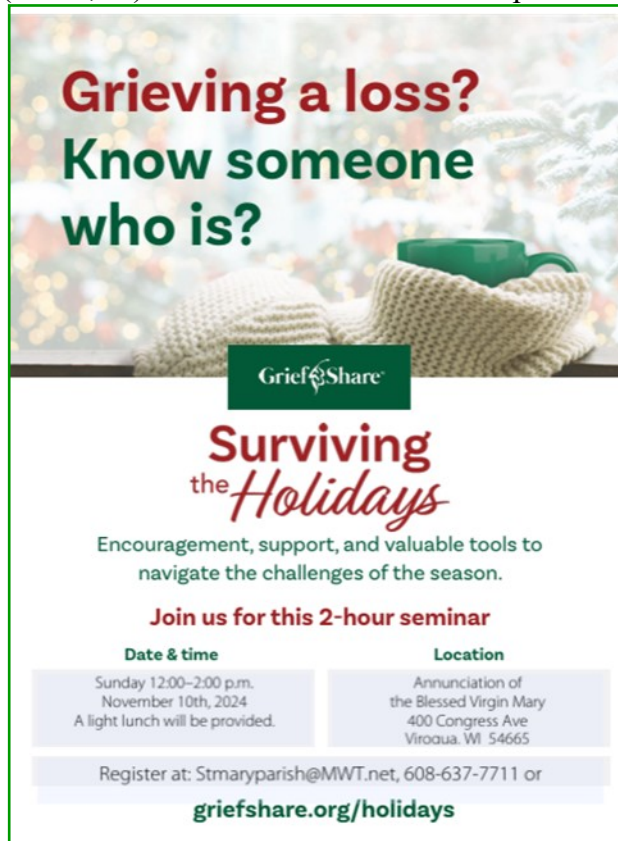


# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Hello friends,

My last week was...filled up. Starting last Sunday I was up in La Crosse for the Diocese's annual Fall Ministry Days – one of two clergy gatherings every year (the other being the more social Priest Unity Days in June). Under Bishop Battersby's direction, the Diocese has entered a season of significant consultation and study to understand priest health, the needs of our Catholic people, and to look down the road at the coming landscape of Catholicism in Western Wisconsin. This study is a very real need – we are facing the reality of declining numbers (more now from natural death over the next fifteen years than from disaffiliation/"I'm outta here"), an increasingly clear polarization between secular and ecclesiastical (that's to say "of the Church") paradigms, and an abundance of beautiful churches built to serve the pastoral and geographic needs of the early to mid-twentieth century (with a few from the nineteenth century). In more places than Coon Valley and Viroqua we are also seeing a strange Holy Spirit-driven uptick in young to middle aged adults and their families returning to or discovering the Church, finding hope and meaning in a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. At this last week's gathering the Bishop unveiled his plan to study the state of his Church (that is, the Diocese of La Crosse) and to establish his people (that is, us) in Jesus Christ. Here's a snapshot:

- Phase One, under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from July 2024-Lent 2025 – focusing on the priests of the Diocese, their health and relationship with God, and turning us from a self-focus to a focus on the incarnate God. Practical measures include enthroning the Sacred Heart in each rectory, blessing and exorcising parishes with regularity, providing regular adoration, fostering community among the presbyterate, and hosting a Mass of Reparation in Lent. In a sense, this phase is about taking a deep breath and spiritually rooting ourselves to listen to the Holy Spirit.



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[griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays)

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**October 27, 2024**  
**30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1180*

### **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**

OPEN: MTWF- 8 AM-4 PM

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# October 27, 2024

- *(continued from page 1)* Phase Two, under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from Pentecost 2025-Lent 2026 – opening up consultation among the parishes of the Diocese to ask big questions: what are our real local needs, what are our resources, how can we share resources with each other, and where is the Lord leading us? This phase includes the formation of a team to weigh these needs and look at the Diocese broadly and the parishes particularly.
- Phase Three, under the patronage of St. Joseph the Workman (patron of our Diocese), from Lent 2026 onward – pastoral planning in continued consultation and movement toward action. This phase will develop based on the work of the first two.

I have much more to say and will say much more as we go ahead. For now, three things. One, I am very hopeful and encouraged. Two, please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the way in all things. Three, I love you and I am grateful to be your Pastor. God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Please extend condolences to the family of **Ione Ann (Steenberg) Hauser** who passed away October 21, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - Viroqua. Father Joseph Richards will officiate. A light lunch will be service in the parish hall following services. Burial is in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cashton. Visitation on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 5:00-7:00 PM at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Cashton, also from 9:00 AM until time of service at the church on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

**Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibit at MMOC:** In the history of the Catholic Church, there have been Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. This Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year old from Milan, Italy. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at Mary Mother of the Church parish on Saturday, Nov. 9th thru Monday, Nov. 11th, with a presentation by Patrick Brueggen on Monday, Nov. 11th at MMOC (2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, WI) at 7 pm. We highly encourage you to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

Viewing times at MMOC, of the Exhibit and Relics are:

Saturday, Nov. 9th, 3 pm to 6 pm (Mass time is 4 pm)

Sunday, Nov. 10th, 7 am to Noon (Mass times are 8 am and 10 am)

Monday, Nov. 11th, 5 pm to 7 pm, Speaker Patrick Brueggen at 7 pm.

All are welcome to attend. No reservations necessary. This event is free and sponsored by Mary Mother of the Church PCCW and Men's Club.

**The Children's Atrium is in need of lights!** We are looking for a few table lamps and floor lamps to light up the children's work spaces. If you have one of these going unused at your home that you would be willing to donate to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, please contact Carly Zadow at 608-792-4872. Thank you so much!

**Calling all Crafters!** - our parish will support St. Mary's in Coon Valley by having a table (or two) at their craft show on December 7, from 8 AM-2 PM. We are looking for crafts and people to help with set up, take down, and to man the tables. Call Joyce Humfeld at 608-606-0873 if you have questions.

# October 27, 2024

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Oct. 14-20, 2024

Offertory: \$3,273.87

Mission Sunday: \$115.00

Total: \$3,388.87

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

September E-gifts: \$2,054.13

## 2024-2025

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$10,425.00

Donors: 30

THANK YOU!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 26 October, 6:30 PM +Gary Teadt**

(Carol Teadt)

**Sunday, 27 October, 10:30 AM People of Annunciation & St.**

**Mary's Parishes**

**Wednesday, 30 October, 5:15 PM +Judy Phinney**

(Jeanette Amundson)

**Friday, 1 November, 8:00 AM +Joyce Dolan**

(Joann Swanson)

**Friday, 1 November, 12:10 PM People of Annunciation & St.**

**Mary's Parishes**

**Saturday, 2 November, 6:30 PM +Bernard Fox**

(Jeanette Amundson)

**Sunday, 3 November, 10:30 AM +Ambrose Timmerman**

(Timmerman Family Friends)

## Ministry Schedule

### **Sat., Oct. 26, 6:30 PM**

Dcn Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Lane Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Dennis Vinger Lector

### **Sun., Oct. 27, 10:30 AM**

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Amelia Kimmert Altar Server

Mariah Sullivan Altar Server

Dale Pertzborn Lector

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

**PCCW CIRCLE FOR NOVEMBER: ST. BRIDGET**

**Sunday, 27 October, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good**

**Shepherd in CGS classroom**

**Sunday, 27 October, 9:00-10:15 AM Theology of the Body in**

**basement classroom**

**Sunday, 27 October, 9:15 AM Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, 27 October, 12:00-2:00 PM Advanced Care Planning in**

**Marian Hall**

**Monday, 28 October, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good**

**Shepherd in CGS classroom**

**Monday, 28 October, 5:00-6:30 PM Community Meal at Good**

**Shepherd Church**

**Tuesday, 29 October, 5:30 PM Fall Dinner Wrap up meeting in**

**Marian Hall**

**Wednesday, 30 October, St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall**

**Saturday, 2 November, 11:00 AM Commemoration of All the**

**Faithful Departed followed by light lunch in Marian Hall**

**Saturday, 2 November, 5:45 PM Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, 3 November, 9:00-10:15 AM Confirmation Class in**

**Marian Hall & classroom**

**Sunday, 3 November, 12:00-1:00 PM Family of Faith monthly overview**

**Sunday, 3 November, 1:00 PM Baptism of Crispin Clarence King followed with light refreshments in gathering space**

**Monday, 4 November, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom**

## **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.

## Pastoral Council Members

Kris Brueggen  
Phyllis Krause  
Parker Moore

Cathy Poshepny  
Pat Peterson  
Dcn. Tony Shay

Dennis Vinger

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. If you wish to speak with a Council member about your concerns, please contact the parish office - 608-637-7711 or [stmaryparish@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryparish@mwt.net).



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