

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

First, a note regarding Mass intentions: one of the Bishop's new directives is that a Mass be offered at each Parish each month for Pastors. The gist here is that he is high-key concerned about his priests' health and holiness, and this is one of the steps he wants us to take. (Usually at a daily Mass) if you hear me self-consciously adding the petition "for myself, for whom this Mass is offered," now you know why.

Second, I've been dropping some big Words in here over the last few weeks, so this week let's just take a step back and take the parishes' pulse with the question: "so what's going on?" Over the past several months some long-developing collaboration, volunteer leadership, and staffing additions in Viroqua have opened new religious education and formation horizons up, on top of our regular business. Here's a bit of info that may be new to you.

- Regarding Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): this has now been running a few times a week for a month or so. In each session Carly gathers half a dozen littles for a few hours of interactive formation, delving into the Church's deep symbolism with those kids' fascinatingly receptive minds.
- Regarding OCIA (the artist formerly known as RCIA): after an introductory session a few weeks ago, this weekend we are having our first-of-twelve classes, starting off with the nature of belief and who God is. Part One is structured around the Creed, Part Two (January-February) around the Sacraments, and Part Three (March-April) around the Church's Moral Life. Pray for our flexibly-seven participants!
- Regarding Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers: this weekend we've got session two between the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses for our ten (*continued on page 2*)

**November 10, 2024**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal, #1186*

### **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

Parish Website [www.stmaryviroqua.org](http://www.stmaryviroqua.org); Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

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*(continued from page 1)* or so Middle Schoolers. A few parent volunteers stepped up to make this happen, using Ascension Press' materials – I'm excited both about the community coming together for it and the crucially important material the kids are working through.

- Regarding Family of Faith: our RE core curriculum elementary program had its second meeting last weekend after the 10:30 Mass. This year we're diving into the Sacraments – last weekend we started with Baptism, and next we'll be moving into Confirmation and the Eucharist. Alongside FoF, our Confirmation classes have been up and running for a few months already.
- Finally (for this list, not for the whole gambit), we have several programs serving ongoing adult formation and support that are in full motion: Bible studies on the Gospel of Luke and upcoming weekend's readings, an ongoing book study on C.S. Lewis' *Great Divorce*, this weekend's opening foray into GriefShare's offerings, and more besides. All of that's to say thank you to everyone who has stepped up to make things happen. If you ever feel a hankering to get something up and running, please feel free to reach out and we can talk it through.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

We will be offering a **memorial Mass** for all miscarried, stillborn, and aborted children at **5:15pm on Friday, November 22nd** at our Viroqua Parish. After Mass, there will be an hour of Adoration with small teams available for further individual prayer. The evening will conclude with a light dinner. There will be more information available in the coming weeks, but if you would like to learn more in the meantime, please contact either Father Joe, or Carly Zadow at 608-792-4872.

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** sign-up sheet is in the atrium. This **FREE** Thanksgiving meal is a collaboration of a number of the Viroqua area churches. It is held in our Marian Hall, and we are asked to find a few volunteers to roast turkeys, bake pies and also to help Thanksgiving Day (as are a number of other churches). Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and prayerfully consider if there is a place where you can help. Any questions, give Julie Moore a call or text at 307-359-2322, as she is the coordinator for our parish this year.

**ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024** ~ Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: [www.stmarycv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

**United Country-Oakwood Realty, LLC is once again sponsoring Something For Seniors throughout November.** Something For Seniors is like Toys For Tots, but Christmas gifts are collected and given to our seniors in local healthcare and assisted living facilities. Crafts, puzzles, body care products, and socks are just a few ideas for donation items. A complete list of ideas is found on the collection boxes located at: The Market Place (Cenex) in Gays Mills, Hansen's IGA in Westby, Valley Market in Coon Valley; and in Viroqua: Nelson Agri-Center, The Viroqua Food Coop, The Dollar Tree, St Marys Catholic Church, Vernon County Aging & Disability Resource Center. We ask that only "New" items be donated. Gifts can also be purchased through Amazon. For more information and gift ideas, please visit [SomethingForSeniors.Org](http://SomethingForSeniors.Org) or join the Something For Seniors Facebook Group. Thank you!

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Oct.28-Nov. 3, 2024

Offertory: \$4,347.00

Total: \$4,347.00

All Saints/Works of Charity: \$998.00

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

September E-gifts: \$2,054.13

## 2024-2025

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$12,275.00

Donors: 42

THANK YOU!

## Ministry Schedule

### **Sat., Nov. 9, 6:30 PM**

Gladys Jacobson Eucharistic Minister

Lane Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Pat Biebl Lector

### **Sun., Nov. 10, 10:30 AM**

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Alexis Scoville Altar Server

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Royce Scoville Altar Server

Mary Ellen Hatton Lector

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

**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.

## **Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays**

Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Date: Sunday, November 10

Time: 12:00-2:00 PM

Location: St. Mary's Marian Hall

A light lunch will be provided.

Register at: [stmaryparish@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryparish@mwt.net), 608-637-7711 or [griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 9 November, 6:30 PM +Ivan Cowen**

(Angie Leis)

**Sunday, 10 November, 10:30 PM +William Chart**

(Darlene Chart)

**Wednesday, 13 November, 5:15 PM People of Annunciation and St. Mary's Parishes**

**Friday, 15 November, 8:00 AM +Agnes Thielker**

(Angie Leis)

**Saturday, 16 November, 6:30 PM +Bill Crowley**

(Crowley Family)

**Sunday, 17 November, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks**

(Guy Nicks Family)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

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

**Shepherd in CGS classroom**

**Sunday, 10 November, 9:00-10:15 AM Theology of the Body in basement classroom**

**Sunday, 10 November, 9:15 AM Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, 10 November, 12:00-1:30 PM RCIA in Marian Hall pie room**

**Sunday, 10 November, 12:00-1:30 PM The Great Divorce in parish library**

**Sunday, 10 November, 12:00-2:00 PM Holiday Grief Share workshop in Marian Hall**

**Monday, 11 November, Parish Office closed - Fran on PTO**

**Monday, 11 November, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom**

**Monday, 11 November, 5:00-7:30 PM Marriage Group in Marian Hall**

**Wednesday, 13 November, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall**

**Thursday, 14 November, 4:00 PM Pastoral Council meeting in the gathering space**

**Thursday, 14 November, 6:30-8:00 PM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall**

**Friday, 15 November, 9:00-10:30 AM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall**

**Saturday, 16 November, 5:45 PM Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, 17 November, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom**

**Sunday, 17 November, 9:00-10:30 AM Family of Faith monthly activity at Coon Valley**

**Sunday, 17 November, 9:00-10:15 AM Confirmation Class in Marian Hall & classroom**

**Sunday, 17 November, 10:00 AM Children's Choir rehearsal**

**Monday, 18 November, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom**

## 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).

A benefit concert for *A Place of Grace* will be held **Sunday, November 24th, 2 PM** at San Damiano Chapel (formally St. Wenceslaus Parish), 900 Viterbo Dr., La Crosse. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke, Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission, but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted. The concert is open to everyone and the building is handicap accessible.


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