

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

Just the other day Fran and I were saying to each other, “is it already November 12?” There’s absolutely nothing out-of-the-ordinary-type significant about November 12, that I know of, it just feels strange that the year is so far along (just like November 12, last year and the year before). It also means we’re coming up on Advent in just two short weeks. Pardon a possibly repetitive note on how the liturgical year works – Advent starts a new Church year with its preparation for Christ’s birth; then after some Christmas time (more than just December 25), we’re back into Ordinary Time. After a few months, we’re into Lent to prepare for Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection, then the main event with the three-day Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter itself), followed by a whopping 50 days of celebrating the resurrection. Then it’s back to Ordinary Time again to let the seeds of grace planted in extraordinary seasons grow slowly and steadily.

All that’s to say, Advent is coming. Traditionally this season is similar to Lent – it’s penitential, it sets us up to understand where we need grace, and it’s tightly confined with just four weeks (this year, three and a half). It’s a good idea to plan ahead for these seasons – to spend some time in the leadup asking the Lord “how are you trying to move in my life? What am I doing that’s getting in the way? How are you trying to purify my heart/schedule/intentions/habits?” You don’t have to change everything, but it can be handy to add in one practical thing each for prayer (communication with God), fasting (giving up a good thing to feel the need for something better), and almsgiving (letting my gifts be gifts to others).

This year we are adding in a very tangible chance to enter more deeply into prayer with adoration at one or both parishes every day of the week. I have these times scattered across the day with the hopes that one of them will work out in your schedule – don’t feel like you need to be at every spot, but please receive my invitation to join us for one of these moments:

- Monday: 7:00-7:30 AM in Viroqua
- Tuesday: 12:05-12:35 in Viroqua, 4:30-5:00 PM in Coon Valley
- Wednesday: 6:00-6:30 AM in Viroqua, 5:45-6:30 PM in Viroqua
- Thursday: 8:30-9:00 AM in Coon Valley
- Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM in Viroqua *(continued on page 2)*

November 17, 2024
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings are in the hymnal, #1189

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

OPEN: MTWF- 8 AM-4 PM

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org; Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

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- Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM in Coon Valley (a half hour starting right after Mass)
- Sunday: 11:30-3:00 PM in Viroqua (except December 22, when we'll start at 12:30 after a baptism)

God bless you!

Fr. Joe

Next **Friday, November 22nd**, we will be offering a memorial Mass for all lost infants at 5:15 pm here in Viroqua. The Mass will be followed by an hour of Adoration with prayer teams and confessions available, with a soup dinner to conclude the evening down in Marian Hall. If you would like a special way to remember a little one, whether it is a child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or friend, there are memorial cards available in the gathering space for you to fill out. We will put these cards into a basket to bring to the altar with the gifts during the memorial Mass. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Father Joe, or Carly Zadow at 608-792-4872.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL: It is time again to start preparing for our Christmas Pageant. This year we will be doing a show called "On Our Way to Bethlehem." Rehearsals will be held each Sunday after the 10:30 Mass for about 30 minutes. Any school-age kids are invited to participate.

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.

Healing Service & Mass at Sacred Heart, Cashton:

Date: Monday December 2, 2024

Schedule:

- **4:30 PM:** Adoration and Confession
- **5:30 PM:** Mass
- **6:00 PM:** Corporate Prayer for Healing
- **7:00 PM:** Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers)
- **9:00 PM:** Closing

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 or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 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 Mary's 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 or join the Something For Seniors Facebook Group. Thank you!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Nov. 4-10, 2024

Offertory: \$3,150.92

Total: \$3,150.92

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

October E-gifts: \$2,304.50

2024-2025

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$15,270.00

Donors: 54

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

(Crowley Family)

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

(Guy Nicks Family)

Wednesday, 20 November, 5:15 PM +Joyce Dolan

(Rose Mary Boland)

Friday, 22 November, 8:00 AM +Ambrose Timmerman

(Timmerman Family)

Saturday, 23 November, 6:30 PM +Lucille Krause

(Pat Effinger)

Sunday, 24 November, 10:30 AM People of Annunciation & St. Mary's Parishes

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Nov. 16, 6:30 PM

Dennis Vinger Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

Mark Brueggen Lector

Sun., Nov. 17, 10:30 AM

Matthew Tubbin Eucharistic Minister

Amelia Kimmet Altar Server

Jacob Kimmet Altar Server

Al Mislivecek 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.

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Monday, 25 November, 3:00-5:00 PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom

Monday, 25 November, 5:00-6:30 PM

Community Meal at Good Shepherd Church

Thursday, 28 November, 11:00 AM-

1:00 PM Free Community

Thanksgiving Meal

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR NOVEMBER: ST. BRIDGET

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

Sunday, 17 November, following Mass Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, 18 November, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd in CGS classroom

Tuesday, 19 November, 1:00 PM Parish book club in meets in library

Wednesday, 20 November, 10:00-11:30 AM Great Divorce discussion in parish library

Wednesday, 20 November, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Thursday, 21 November, 6:30-8:00 PM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall

Friday, 22 November, 9:00-10:30 AM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall

Friday, 22 November, 5:15 PM Memorial Mass followed by 1 hour Adoration & prayer groups then light meal in Marian Hall

Sunday, 24 November, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom

Sunday, 24 November, 9:00-10:15 AM Theology of the Body in basement classroom

Sunday, 24 November, 9:15 AM Choir rehearsal

Sunday, 24 November, following Mass Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, 24 November, 12:00-1:30 PM RCIA in Marian Hall pie room

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.

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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"...those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." ~ Daniel 12:3