

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

First thing – depending on which Mass you’re at this weekend you may be wondering “where’s Fr. Joe?” He’s/I’m still around, just up at Mary Mother of the Church for a niece’s baptism. Thank you to Fr. Dhein for covering our 10:30 so I could head up there!

Now the main thing. This past week the Bishop issued a letter to be distributed at the parishes throughout the Diocese. There’s been some recent kerfuffle (I honestly didn’t know how to spell that word until my computer corrected me) arising from a recent charge leveled by the Vice President regarding the allocation of social services resources by the USCCB’s (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) social services branches. The Bishop is clarifying that such is not the case – I will let you hear it directly from him.

Something I want to particularly highlight from the Bishop’s letter, aside from his clarifications in the first paragraph, is what he follows up with after. Disclaimer: as of this writing I honestly haven’t finished discerning what the Holy Spirit wants me to preach on this weekend, so pardon my redundancy if I say (*continued on page 2*)

February 9, 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings are in the hymnal, #1106

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 Tuesday 4:30 PM in CV

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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(continued from page 1) more in my homily. Bishop Battersby makes an interesting charge of his own against resting in being a “devout Catholic.” By my translation, perhaps another way of looking at this would be to avoid contentment or satisfaction with a status-quo-Catholicism – “I’m doing this and this and this, therefore I think I’ve arrived at sufficient discipleship.” We don’t have to look much further than Jesus’ constant call-to-more out of His broad following (the Crowds) and His dedicated followers (the Disciples) and His inner circle (the Apostles), starting with His call this weekend – “Put out into the depths.” This is at once both daunting and encouraging.

The daunting comes from the fact that until I’ve arrived at the threshold of Heaven I haven’t arrived at the threshold of Heaven. You and I are always being invited to more – to more fully make your life a gift, to more fully open yourself to the Holy Spirit, to more fully let your weakness be a place for Christ’s strength to do the real work. That’s daunting – I haven’t arrived until I’ve arrived. The encouraging part comes from the simple and understated fact that Jesus’ constant invitation into the depths (at the start of His ministry) is accompanied by His promise (at the end of His ministry), “I am with you.” More fully, “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Jesus calls you in every moment of your life to step further into His life, and at no point has He or will He leave you orphaned, abandoned, or hung out to dry. Jesus Christ loves you, delights in you, and boldly invites you to live His life with Him.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Family Board Game Night & Potluck - February 21, 5:30-8:30 PM in Marian Hall. Join us for an evening of family games, fund for all ages! If you can, please bring a dish to share.

LADIES NIGHT OUT St. Mary’s Parish is planning another ladies night out. We will meet at **6:00 PM at Old Towne Inn** for a relaxing evening of friendship and fellowship, **Thursday, February 27. Please sign up by February 24th** (signup sheet in the gathering space), so that reservations can be made. Questions or comments, please call Joyce Humfeld at 608-606-0873 or 608-634-4059.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2024

Offertory: \$3,329.00

Total: \$3,329.00

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

December E-gifts: \$3,104.73

2024-2025

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$34,025.00

Donors: 85

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 8 February, 6:30 PM +Peter Swanson

(Roger & Phyllis Krause)

Sunday, 9 February, 10:30 AM +Barbara Ann Martinez

(Barbara Martinez Family)

Wednesday, 12 February, 5:15 PM +Hiram Lund

(Pat Biebl Family)

Friday, 14 February, 8:00 AM +Carol Weber

(Ann Graham)

Saturday, 15 February, 6:30 PM +Ambrose Timmerman

(Timmerman Friends)

Sunday, 16 February, 10:30 AM +Frank Kneeland, Jr.

(Ann Graham)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Feb. 15, 6:30 PM

Dennis Vinger Eucharistic Minister

Paul O'Rourke Lector

Sun., Feb. 16, 10:30 AM

Matthew Tubbin Eucharistic Minister

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Royce Scoville Altar Server

Stephen Lambert Lector

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR FEBRUARY: ST. THERESA

Sunday, 9 February, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd in CGS classroom

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

Sunday-Monday, 9-10 February, Help-out priest for Sunday Mass; Fr. Joe out of town for niece's baptism

Sunday, 9 February, 11:45 AM-1:30 PM OCIA in Marian Hall pie room

Monday, 10 February, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom

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

Thursday, 13 February, 6:30-8:00 PM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall

Friday, 14 February, 9:00-10:30 AM Little Rock Bible Study in Marian Hall

Sunday, 16 February, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom

Sunday, 16 February, after 8:00 AM Mass Monthly RE activity in Coon Valley

Sunday, 16 February, 9:00-10:15 AM Confirmation Class in Marian Hall & basement classroom

Sunday, 16 February, 10:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, 17 February, Parish Office Closed - Secretary PTO

Monday, 17 February, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in CGS classroom

Monday, 17 February, 5:00-8:00 PM Marriage Group in Marian Hall

The contemplative reading group is gathering for more Teilhard de Chardin in February before we shift gears for lent/March (reading Julianne De Norwich, more info to follow). We are planning to read Section 2, "Living In the Divine Mileu" from *Pierre Teilhard De Chardin Writings* by Ursula King to discuss on **February 23, 2025, from 12-2 PM** after Mass. Please consider joining this discussion.

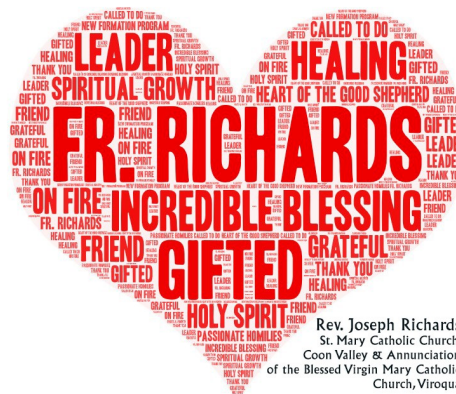
Pastoral Council Members

Kris Brueggen
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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. If you wish to speak with a Council member about your concerns, please contact the parish office - 608-637-7711 or stmaryparish@mwt.net.



Rev. Joseph Richards
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