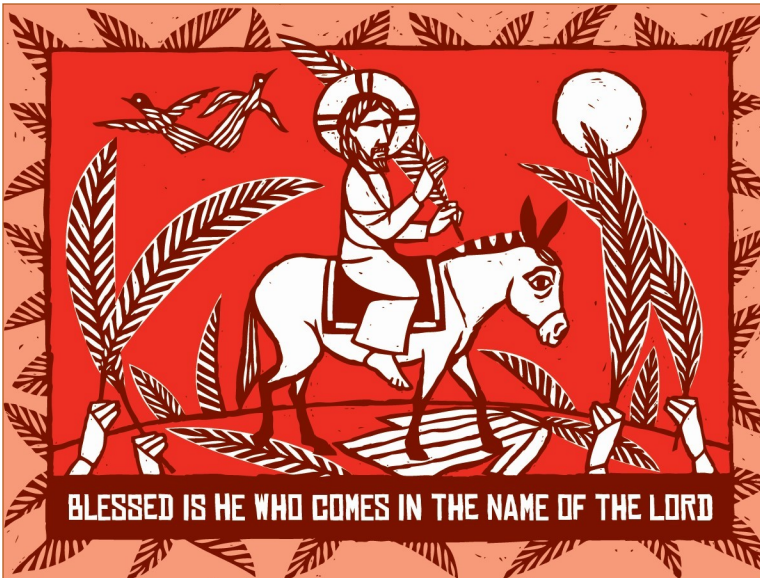


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

As we round into Holy Week, I want to break down the liturgies we have coming up. Even more than Christmas, the movement around next weekend forms the heart of who we are and what we do – the movement from Jesus Christ’s preaching and sign-working into His arrest and suffering (Holy Thursday), then into His death on the cross (Good Friday), then into His resurrection from the dead (the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday).

The three liturgies of Holy Thursday (the Mass of the Lord’s Supper), Good Friday (the Passion), and the Easter Vigil really make up one long liturgy. The Holy Thursday Mass ends in suspense, lacking the customary blessing and dismissal and instead concluding with a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament out of the church into a side chapel. That evening we’ll keep vigil until midnight in the chapel we’ve been using in Viroqua during construction – I need a few volunteers for each hourlong timeslot, but outside of volunteering please welcome the chance to stop in for fifteen minutes, an hour, whatever you’d like to keep watch with Jesus just as He invited His disciples to do in the garden.

Good Friday is the one day out of the year when there isn’t a single Mass celebrated across the world. It picks up where Holy Thursday left off, with a simple procession into the church then three main movements: the reading of the Passion narrative, a veneration of the cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is again removed from the church, and the prayer dismisses in similar suspense to how Holy Thursday ended.

And then comes Easter. The work of Holy Thursday and Good Friday has us in a somber state of mind and heart, all the way until dusk falls (*continued on page 2*)

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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

Readings are in the hymnal,
#1031

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM
Sundays - 10:30 AM
Wednesday - 5:45 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. 6:15 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 6:15 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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(continued from page 1) on Saturday. This Mass starts with the church darkened fully, and into this darkness a single flame rises to light the Easter candle. This light slowly fills the church until we witness God moving through salvation history. This liturgy includes the reception of non-Catholics into the faith and the baptism of non-Christians into the Body of Christ, concluding finally the work of the last few months and welcoming us into the fifty days of Easter. It is beautiful, a lot, and well worth your time.

Finally, I want to invite you to one extracurricular liturgy – a Mass of Reparation on Wednesday evening (April 16). I want to follow Bishop Battersby into the work of renewal and rebuilding he is leading by recognizing and inviting the Lord into places where real hurt has been done within the Church. We'll begin with Stations as usual (in the church), then move into this Mass with a starting Litany of Reparation, as written and shared by the Bishop's office. If you are free to join us Wednesday evening, I warmly welcome you. It'll be a powerful warmup for the Triduum.

May God bless you as we move into this great and Holy Week!

Fr. Joe

THE PASSION: Join us for a live performance of Jesus' passion and death on **Good Friday, April 18th at 8:00 PM**. Parental discretion is advised as this is a realistic representation. *Recommended for age 12 and up.*

Easter Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday:	5:15 PM Adoration in the chapel after service until midnight in Viroqua
Good Friday:	12:10 PM in Viroqua 3:00 PM in Coon Valley
Holy Saturday:	8:30 PM in Viroqua
Easter Sunday:	8:00 AM in Coon Valley 10:30 AM in Viroqua

The Richland Deanery Spring Assembly will be held **Saturday, April 26, at noon** at St. Jerome's in Wonewoc. Our speaker will be Bev Cousineau, coordinator for St. Therea's Adoration Chapel in Union Center. There will be time to visit the Chapel of Perpetual is a signup sheet in the atrium for those who wish to rideshare. Questions, please call Joyce Humfeld at 608-606-0873.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Blest Art will be visiting your parish **April 26-27, 2025**, on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Please visit our display after each Mass.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Mar. 31-Apr. 6, 2025

Offertory: \$5,932.55

Good Friday: \$10.00

Total: \$5,942.55

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

February E-gifts: \$2,233.65

2024-2025

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$36,235.00

Donors: 88

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12 April, 6:30 PM William Chart Family

(Darlene Chart)

Sunday, 13 April, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks

(Family of Guy Nicks)

Wednesday, 16 April, 5:45 PM +Peder Swanson

(Royal & Barbara Ross)

Thursday, 17 April, 5:15 PM Women of the Parish

(PCCW)

Saturday, 19 April, 8:30 PM People of the Annunciation & St.

Mary's Parishes

Sunday, 20 April, 10:30 AM +Carl P. & Margaret S. Simon

(Joseph Simon)

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR APRIL: ST. BRIDGET

Sunday, 13 April, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in

CGS classroom

Sunday, 13 April, after 8:00 AM Mass Palm Sunday skit in Coon

Valley (Family of Faith activity)

Sunday, 13 April, 9:00-10:15 AM Confirmation Class in Marian Hall

& basement classroom

Sunday, 13 April, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM First Communion Class in

basement classroom

Sunday, 13 April, 11:45 AM-1:30 PM OCIA in Marian Hall pie room

Monday, 14 April, 3:00-5:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in

CGS classroom

Monday, 14 April, Scholarship applications due in parish office

Monday, 14 April, 6:30-8:30 PM *The Passion of Christ* rehearsal

Tuesday, 15 April, 10:30 AM Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the

Workman, La Crosse

Tuesday, 15 April, 1:00 PM St. Mary's Book Club in parish library

Tuesday, 15 April, 5:00-7:00 PM Grief Share Support Program in

Marian Hall

Wednesday, 16 April, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in

Marian Hall

Wednesday, 16 April, 11:00 AM on Parish Office closed for computer

installation

Wednesday, 16 April, 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross, Mass of

Reparation and Adoration following

Thursday, 17 April, 5:15 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper with

Adoration in the chapel following service until midnight

Friday-Monday, 18-21 April, Parish Office closed for Easter

Friday, 18 April, 12:10 PM Good Friday service

Friday, 18 April, 8:00 PM The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, 19 April, 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Monday, 21 April, 5:00-8:00 PM Marriage Group in Marian Hall

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Apr. 19, 8:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

Dennis Vinger Lector

Sun., Apr. 20, 10:30 AM

Pat Obernberger Eucharistic Minister

Francis Corr Altar Server

Reuben Stevenson Altar Server

Basil Stevenson Altar Server

Matthew Tubbin Lector

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

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REMINDER: registration date for
Camp Gray High School Retreat,
April 25-27, is **April 18** - cost \$35/
attendee. Contact Pat Obernberger,
stmaryformation@mwt.net for
more information.
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The contemplative reading group is planning to meet on **June 8th**, in the library from **12-2:00 PM** to discuss *Dorothy Day: Spiritual Writings*.

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.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy - 9/29-10/8/2025

Join Fr. Daniel Sedlacek and St. Charles Parish in Genoa for a profound spiritual journey through Italy as we celebrate the Jubilee Year and honor our patron St. Charles Borromeo. This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith while visiting sacred Catholic sites in Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Milan, Arona, and more. Special highlights include the Diaconate Ordination of Kyle Lang of the Diocese of La Crosse at St. Peter's Basilica, walking through the Holy. Cost: \$6,277.00

Viroqua Community Bell Choir Spring Concert - 2:00 PM, Sunday, April 27, 2025, at the Viroqua United Methodist Church, 221 S. Center Ave. The concert will be a variety-show format featuring challenging bell music from the newest composers, musical productions, and secular and sacred music accompanied by local musicians. The popular saxophone group "Burlap Sax" will also perform, and the concert will debut a second bell choir group. Admission is free as always, with a suggested freewill offering.

The PCCW and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish are both offering a \$500 scholarship to two graduating seniors of our parish. Scholarship applications can be picked up in the gathering space or downloaded from the parish website, www.stmaryparish.org. Scholarship applications are due in the parish office by **Monday, April 14.**

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