

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends!

After a busy week for the Church in Rome, I would like to cede my space here to our new Holy Father, Leo XIV, with *Vatican News*' translation of his opening speech:

“Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you. This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. Let us keep in our ears the weak but always brave voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome - the Pope who blessed Rome and the world that day on the morning of Easter.

Allow me to continue that same blessing. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity *(continued on page 2)*

**May 11, 2025**  
**4th Sunday of**  
**Easter**

*Readings are in the hymnal,*  
**#1072**

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

Father Joseph M. Richards, Pastor, (608) 606-9787; Deacon Tony Shay; Diana Hernandez-Torres, Sacristan

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*(continued from page 1)* needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one People always in peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

Thank you to my Cardinal brothers who chose me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a united Church searching all together for peace and justice, working together as women and men, faithful to Jesus Christ without fear, proclaiming Christ, to be missionaries, faithful to the gospel.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian. He said, "With you I am a Christian, for you a bishop." So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting: We have to look together how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.

*(in Spanish):* Hello to all and especially to those of my diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, a loyal, faithful people accompanying the bishop and helping the bishop.

*(in Italian):* To all you brothers and sisters of Rome, Italy, of all the world, we want to be a synodal church, walking and always seeking peace, charity, closeness, especially to those who are suffering.

Today is the day of the Supplication to Our Lady of Pompei. Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love. So let us pray together for this mission, and for all of the Church, and for peace in the world. We ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother. Hail Mary..."

God bless you my friends, and join me in praying for our new Holy Father!

Fr. Joe

This Sunday we welcome **Beckett Bradley Schafer** into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Beckett is the son of Bradley and Kateri (Leis) Schafer. Welcome to this community of faith!

Our seminarian, **John Francis**, who started the Bible Study group, will be participating in a **mission program this summer called Biking For Babies**. It is an organization that raises funds to help pregnancy resource centers. John Francis will be biking from Lincoln, NE to St. Louis, MO in July, a 600-mile trip. His personal goal is to raise \$6000, with a total missionary goal of \$450,000. I wanted to provide you with the address to help support him and his mission work. You can donate online at <https://givebutter.com/b4b-2025missionary/ne-team-1> or mail a check to Biking for Babies, PO Box 644, St. Charles, MO, 63302. **MAKE SURE TO PUT HIS NAME IN THE MEMO LINE TO GIVE HIM THE CREDIT FOR HIS GOAL.**

Thanks for considering this worthy cause. He asked that if we are unable to contribute financially, please keep in your prayers the women going through crisis pregnancies that they will be able to utilize services at pregnancy resource centers.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Apr. 28-May 4, 2025

Offertory: \$4,115.75

Total: \$4,115.75

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

March E-gifts: \$2,109.45

## 2024-2025

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$37,470.00

Donors: 89

THANK YOU!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 10 May, 6:30 PM +Corinne Finne**

(Biebl Family)

**Sunday, 11 May, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks**

(Family of Guy Nicks)

**Wednesday, 14 May, 5:15 PM +Matt Keenan**

(Ann Graham)

**Friday, 16 May, 8:00 AM People of the Annunciation & St. Mary's  
Parishes**

**Saturday, 17 May, 6:30 PM Mathew K.**

(Darlene Chart)

**Sunday, 18 May, 10:30 AM +Matthew Keenan**

(Peter & Susan Walby)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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

**Sunday, 11 May, 8:00-10:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
in CGS classroom**

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

**Sunday, 11 May, 12:00 PM Schafer baptism**

**Tuesday, 13 May, 5:00-7:00 PM Grief Share Support Program in  
Marian Hall**

**Wednesday, 14 May, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in  
Marian Hall**

**Sunday, 18 May, 9:00 AM Family of Faith May Activity at St.  
Mary's Parish-Coon Valley with annual Jeopardy game**

**Sunday, 18 May, 10:00 AM Children's Choir practice**

**Sunday, 18 May, Hewitt baptism during Mass with reception  
following Mass in Marian Hall**

**Sunday, 18 May, Fisher baptism during Mass**

**Sunday, 18 May, 11:45 AM-1:30 PM OCIA in Marian Hall pie  
room**

**Monday, 19 May, 5:00-6:30 PM Community Meal at Good  
Shepherd Church**

## Ministry Schedule

**Sat., May 17, 6:30 PM**

Gladys Jacobson Eucharistic Minister

Lane Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Dennis Vinger Lector

**Sun., May 18, 10:30 AM**

Sheryl Robinson Eucharistic Minister

Royce Scoville Altar Server

Alexis Scoville Altar Server

Megan Prorok Lector

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

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*.

**Thank you**, from Blest Art, to our parishioners for their  
support - total sales were \$2,609.43.

# May 11, 2025

## 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).



First Communion Retreat - May 3, 2025

**Hearts on Fire: A Discernment Retreat** for single women 19 – 45. In anticipation of Pentecost, join Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa to explore the yearnings of your heart and discover how to discern God's loving plan for your life. The retreat will be in New Berlin, WI, **May 24-25**. To register or for more information, contact Michelle Horton [mhorton@sinsinawa.org](mailto:mhorton@sinsinawa.org) or (608)695-6060.

## Healing Service – Friday, June 13 at Sacred Heart in Cashton

Come experience God's supernatural love! The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, followed by 5:30 PM Mass, corporate prayer for healing, and individual healing ministry. All are welcome—come for part or all of the evening. Sacred Heart Parish, 1223 Front St., Cashton, WI.

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