

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

I'm hitting the road for a week and a half down in Lincoln, helping out with FOCUS' new staff training. You may recall that I made the same trip this time last year – presuming that this time turns out like last, my time will be split between reacquainting myself with folks, hearing confessions and celebrating Masses, and taking five or six spiritual direction sessions most days. It's a bit of a working vacation – returning to my own missionary roots and certainly exercising priestly ministry, but with a break from administrative work. Last weekend I mentioned to varying degrees my own gratitude to you for bearing with me through this absence – a Pastor's absence from the parish carries with it a change of pace and certainly a disruption to our weekday schedule. As a grumpy old priest once put in seminary, "Gentlemen, make sure you take your time off. A) so you get a break from your people, B) so your people get a break from you." At the same time, there's also something to us supporting the work FOCUS is doing together – by my rough count we have some ten graduates from the parishes attending universities with FOCUS teams, and several of our grads have encountered and are engaged with the work happening out of various Newman Centers around the *(continued on page 2)*

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6th Sunday of
Easter

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1078*

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

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

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(continued from page 1) country. My work there is all about preparing these young men and women for their work over the next year – pray for them and the Lord's work on their hearts!

As for the next few weeks, allow me to share a few up-and-coming notes.

- First, regarding emergencies. Should you or someone you know in the area need a priest over the next few weeks I have Fr. Sedlacek and Fr. Bowe on retainer to step in – give their parishes a call at need.
- Second, regarding weekday services. The weekends will be uninterrupted with Fr. Tim coming from Onalaska, but our regular weekday schedule is off through June 6. Thank you to Dcn. Tony and Dcn. MyDad for providing the following services:
 - Memorial Day – a service up at the Coon Valley Cemetery, beginning at 8:00 AM. Should there be nasty or questionable weather, keep an eye on the St. Mary Coon Valley Facebook page where Steve will post updates.
 - May 28 and June 4 – communion services in Viroqua at the regular 5:15 PM time, followed by adoration.
 - June 5 – a communion service at 8:00 AM in Coon Valley.

Finally, an invitation for the week after my return. You may recall our quarterly healing services, customarily held in Cashton. Fr. Bowe is running renovations right now, so our next service will be in Viroqua instead, starting at 4:30 on June 13 – this time switching it to Friday. We have a few posters around – check them out and ask me any questions you have.

God bless you!

Fr. Joe

This summer, we will be hosting a **bible study for girls ages 9-13**. We will be meeting 5 times on Monday afternoons throughout the season. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space with further details on dates and times. If you'd like more information, please contact Carly Zadow (608-792-4872 or zadow2021@gmail.com). **Please sign up no later than Sunday, June 8th.** Thank you!

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 May 12-18, 2025

Offertory: \$3,664.01

Catholic Life: \$25.00

Total: \$3,689.01

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

April E-gifts: \$2,343.93

2024-2025

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$35,560.00

Received to date: \$37,975.00

Donors: 89

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 24 May, 6:30 PM +Matthew Keenan

(Peter & Susan Walby)

Sunday, 25 May, 10:30 AM +Ione Hauser

(Bud Hauser)

(Fr. Joe will say the weekday Mass intentions while away)

**Wednesday, 28 May, People of the Annunciation & St. Mary's
Parishes**

Friday, 30 May, Fr. Joseph Richards

Saturday, 31 May, 6:30 PM Hernandez Family

(Diana Hernandez)

Sunday, 1 June, 10:30 AM +Anthony Parks

(Patricia Rubasch)

CHURCH CALENDAR

PCCW CIRCLE FOR MAY: ST. ANTHONY

PCCW CIRCLE FOR JUNE: ST. THERESA

**Sunday-Friday, 25 May after Mass-6 June, Fr. Joe out of state for
FOCUS training - no weekday Masses**

**Monday, 26 May, Parish Office closed in observance of Memorial
Day**

**Wednesday, 28 May, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in
Marian Hall**

**Wednesday, 28 May, 5:15 PM Communion Service with Adoration
following**

**Thursday, 29 May, 5:00-7:00 PM Grief Share Support Program in
Marian Hall**

Ministry Schedule

Sat., May 31, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Seth Kiedinger Altar Server

Sebastian Kimmet Altar Server

Amy Matthes Lector

Sun., June 1, 10:30 AM

Pat Obernberger Eucharistic Minister

Alayna Curti Altar Server

Logan Curti Altar Server

Mary Ellen Hatton Lector

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

REMINDER: please pick up your dishes from the Mike Culek
funeral.

We are hoping to increase the content in the **Parish Library** by adding some new books. If you would like to donate money as a way to support this effort, please make your check out to the Annunciation of the BVM with 'parish library' in the memo line or cash in envelope marked 'for the parish library'. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office or placed in the weekend's contributions baskets.

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*.

Healing Service – Friday, June 13 at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Viroqua 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. Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua, WI.

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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.

Mark your calendar - June 29-July 5 (including July 4), Annunciation of the BVM Parish-Viroqua is hosting Vacation Bible School with area parishes. More information to come.

MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN

Saturday, June 14, 2025 | Wisconsin State Capitol

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