

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Carol Robinson

Friends,

Presuming we can make our way out through the snow, I'll be heading up to the Twin Cities on Sunday then out to California for a few days until Friday this week. This means a few changes for this coming week, and I figure I'll just take this chance to break down the next few weeks in one place, too. First, regarding this week – except Friday morning, we'll have something paraliturgical or devotional happening during each of our regular Mass ,etc., times. On Tuesday, the Deacon version of Joe Richards (he'll remind me that I'm also still Deacon, too) will join us in Coon Valley for our customary 4:30 adoration, 5:15 Stations of the Cross, then a 5:45ish Communion Service rather than Mass. On Wednesday, Deacon Tony will lead a similar 5:15 Communion Service followed by adoration until 6:30, and on Thursday a few folks will lead the rosary down in Coon Valley at 8:10 followed by fellowship then Bible Study downstairs. Friday evening, Stations will still happen at 5:15 in Viroqua.

Now for next week – after a regular weekend's Masses, we'll be hosting our next healing service and Mass right in Viroqua. We've been running these on a quarterly basis, starting with adoration and prayer at 4:30, a Mass at 5:30, and specific healing prayers starting right around 6:30. You are very welcome to join us for this service – various offerings include confessions, those specific prayers, time to pray with prayer teams, and time to pray with the Blessed Sacrament. Participants are not obliged to participate in every aspect and are free to follow the Holy Spirit through whatever work He has in mind for each. Again, March 23, starting right about 4:30 in Viroqua.

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March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1025*

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) Finally, the Triduum. This whole Lent we've been building up to the three-day (really 54 ½ hour) story arc of The Easter Triduum (Three-Days). Everything starts out in Viroqua on Holy Thursday with the 5:15 Mass of the Lord's Supper – a Mass that starts off normally until the beautiful moment of the foot washing, before ending with the suspenseful procession out of the Church with the Blessed Sacrament. That evening we'll continue our tradition of adoration until Midnight, and I'll have a sign-up sheet coming out to make sure we've got folks staying with our Lord. The next day, Good Friday, we don't celebrate a Mass but rather continue the prayer of the night before with the reading of the Lord's Passion, followed by the Veneration of the Cross and reception of Holy Communion (but not the consecration as at a Mass). We'll have two services for Good Friday, at 12:10 in Viroqua and 3:00 in Coon Valley. The Church is then left again in silence through a full day plus until that little light flickers into the darkness of the Easter Vigil (8:30 PM this year, in Viroqua) and the triumphant celebration of Christ's resurrection together. Whether you have taken in the whole story before or not, I invite you to my favorite liturgical celebration of the year – this full ride through Holy Thursday to Good Friday to the Easter Vigil.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

This Sunday we welcome **Asa Peter Conover** into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Asa is the son of Ben and India (Stevenson) Conover. Welcome to this community of faith!

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, 5:15 PM Mass; Adoration following until midnight/Viroqua

Good Friday, 12:10 PM/Viroqua

3:00 PM/Coon Valley

Holy Saturday, 8:30 PM/Viroqua

Easter Sunday, 8:00 AM/Coon Valley

10:30 AM/Viroqua

Fellowship donations this weekend will be given to Meals on Wheels.

Sunday's fellowship will be held in Marian Hall.

PCCW News: The PCCW is interested in transitioning it's responsibilities within the parish, a bit. One piece of that transition is the Funeral Luncheon Ministry. When a funeral mass is held in our parish, the family of the deceased is given the option to have the parish provide a luncheon for them after the funeral. It's a beautiful gift our parish gives to our parish family members who have lost someone. The PCCW circles have carried this ministry faithfully and unfailingly for as long as I can remember and what a gift it's been! However, now is the time for the broader parish to help carry this ministry into the future. A new Funeral Luncheon Ministry Group is being established. **All men and women of the parish are invited to join.**

If you would like to be a part of this ministry group there are several different ways you can serve. The areas of service include setting up and food prep, serving at the luncheon, dishes/cleanup crew and/or providing food (a salad or dessert). Please prayerfully consider whether this important parish ministry is something you are called to do. If it is, there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Please leave your name, contact information and preference for communication. Alternatively, if you'd prefer, you can contact Julie Moore directly through email juliemoore29@gmail.com or via text/call at 307-359-2322.

Parish women/circle members please note: The circles will continue to provide the funeral lunches until this new group is in place. **And** your name will NOT automatically be added to the new group list. If you're interested in continuing to help with funeral luncheons, you'll need to let us know that by signing up.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Mar. 2-8, 2026

Offertory: \$3,505.00

Total: \$3,505.00

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

February E-gifts: \$2,385.11

THANK YOU!

2025-2026

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$36,920.00

Received to date: \$33,253.87

Donors: 69

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 14 March, 6:30 PM People of the Annunciation & St. Mary's Parishes

Sunday, 15 March, 10:30 AM +Ione Hauser
(Robert Hauser)

Fr. Joe will say intentions while away

Wednesday, 18 March, Fr. Joseph Richards

Friday, 20 March, +Ursula Werner
(Sonja Finn)

Saturday, 21 March, 6:30 PM +Mary Bina
(Bina Family)

Sunday, 22 March, 10:30 AM +Mary Ellen Hatton
(Don & Linda Wagner)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 14 March, 5:30 PM Choir rehearsal

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

Sunday, 15 March, 9:00-10:15 AM Decision Point in parish library

Sunday, 15 March, during 10:30 AM Mass Baptism of Asa Peter Conover

Sunday, 15 March, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM "Fratelli Tutti" discussion in confirmation basement classroom

Sunday, 15 March, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM First Communion Class in basement classroom

Sunday-Friday, 15 March-20 March, following Sunday Mass, Fr. Joe out of state

Tuesday, 17 March, 1:00 PM St. Mary's Book Club in parish library

Tuesday, 17 March, 5:00-7:00 PM GriefShare in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 18 March, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 18 March, 5:15 PM Communion Service

Thursday, 19 March, 6:30-8:00 PM "Fratelli Tutti" discussion in confirmation basement classroom

Friday, 20 March, 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross

Friday, 20 March, 6:00-6:45 PM Soup Supper & Reflection on the Stations of the Cross in Marian Hall

Sunday, 22 March, 9:00-10:15 AM Decision Point in confirmation basement classroom

Sunday, 22 March, 9:30 AM Choir rehearsal

Sunday, 22 March, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM First Communion Class in basement classroom

Sunday, 22 March, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM "Fratelli Tutti" discussion in confirmation basement classroom

Monday, 23 March, 4:30 PM-8:00 PM Healing Mass & Service

Monday, 23 March, 5:00-6:30 PM Free Community Meal at Good Shepherd Church, Viroqua

Ministry Schedule

Sat., Mar. 21, 6:30 PM

Amy Matthes Eucharistic Minister
Will Fisher Altar Server
NOT FILLED Altar Server
Paul O'Rourke Lector

Sun., Mar. 22, 10:30 AM

Pat Obernberger Eucharistic Minister
Logan Curti Altar Server
Royce Scoville Altar Server
Dale Pertzborn Lector

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

The contemplative reading group is postponing discussion of *Honey and Salt: Selected Writings of Bernard of Clairvaux* from **February 22, to April 19, from 12:00-1:30 PM**, as this currently overlaps with the Lenten discussion of "Fratelli Tutti." More time to read the book and join us!

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 **Wednesday, April 15**.

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Healing Mass and Service

Monday, March 23, 2026

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Viroqua

4:30 PM Adoration (with Praise & Worship, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Confessions)

5:30 PM Mass

6:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing

7:00 PM Individual Prayer Ministry

This evening is rooted in the sacramental life of the Church and offered in fidelity to Catholic teaching.

All are welcome.

Feel free to attend any portion of the evening.

Pastoral Council Members

Kris Brueggen
Phyllis Krause
David Hall

Cathy Poshepny
Jenny Leum
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 great big Thank You

to the twelve people that pitched in to help clean the kitchen on Wednesday! Many hands truly do make light work, and it's always such a joy to work together.

Thank You!



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