

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



2026 Confirmation Class

Hello friends,

I've got some forecasting business for you this weekend. First off, my schedule around here (and therefore our liturgical schedule) is going to be thrown off over the next few weeks. This is a bit scattered, so let me put it in bullets:

- This coming week I'm going to be on retreat with the Diocese's priests out in Oconomowoc. Keep us in prayer, and note that this'll mean no daily Mass this week, although Deacon Tony and Deacon Dad will lead adoration and a communion service at the regular Mass times on both Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The next week (May 16 through Pentecost) is full speed ahead, as usual.
- From May 25-June 5, I will be in Lincoln to help out with FOCUS' New Staff Training again, meaning our weekday liturgical schedule will be off again. Fr. John Parr (a Viroqua native) will rejoin us for the weekend in the middle. During this window I'll certainly be available over the phone and email, although I'll likely have a bit of a delay in returned response.

Over the last few weeks our Councils have been talking shop about some arrangements starting July 1. Big questions have included who's where when, what does our Mass schedule look like, how are we handling sick/hospital calls, etc. Perhaps it might be easiest to consider these four parishes in clusters – Viroqua and Coon Valley, Wonewoc and Hillsboro. Again, bullet points might be easiest:

- **Weekend Masses:** Fr. Famiyeh and I will rotate weekends, meaning I'll be out here and he'll be out there this weekend, and we'll rotate next weekend. An exception to this rule will be July 5/6 when we'll both be out there and July 12/13 when we'll both be out (*continued on page 2*)

May 10, 2026
6th Sunday of
Easter

Readings are in the hymnal,
#1076

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) here for introductions. Weather, vacations, etc., may cause adjustments; but I think this every-other weekend rotation will be a reliable status quo.

- **Weekday Masses:** (This is subject to change but I think it'll stick) I will be here Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and out there on Friday. Similarly, Fr. Famiyeh will be out there Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and here on Friday. This way if he has the weekend Masses here, he can just stick around Friday and Saturday night (and same for me out there). Our weekday schedule looks very similar to our current one with the exception of bumping our Friday 8:00 AM Mass in Viroqua back to 12:10. We'll also add a few more opportunities for adoration and confession (I'm thinking something on Friday and something on Saturday mornings), and office hours/priest-on-call will follow the cluster we're celebrating Mass at.

There'll be much more to come as things unfold, but hopefully this serves as a start. God bless you!

Fr. Joe

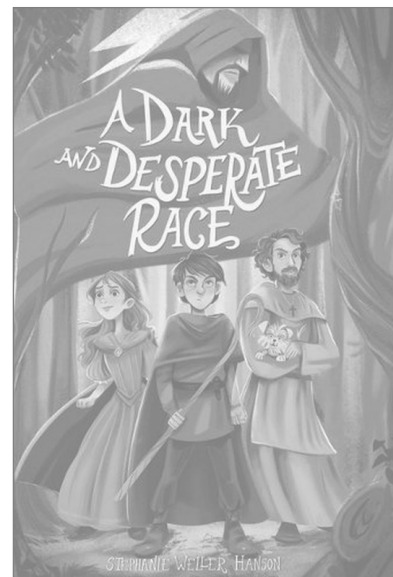
CONGRATULATIONS! to **Samantha Schneider** - recipient of this year's \$500.00 PCCW scholarship.

The Diocese of La Crosse Chapter of Catholic Rural Life, in partnership with a local family farm and a seed dealership, has been entrusted with a generous opportunity to give back to our farming community. We are pleased to offer 30 bags of current-year, high-quality 99-day seed corn -- free of charge -- to be shared among three deserving recipients. This gift is intended to support approximately 25–30 acres for each family farm. We recognize that agricultural finances can present challenges, and it is our privilege to walk alongside those in our community during difficult seasons. Please direct all inquiries to our Rural Life Committee Chair -- Anne Marie Ellwing: Annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

LIBRARY CORNER *A Dark and Desperate Race* by: Stephanie Weller Hanson, Pauline Books and Media

I would consider this a middle-grade adventure about coming of age, trusting in the dark, and racing towards what really matters. After a fierce argument with his father, fourteen-year-old Will Pennington decides to run away. But then he stumbles across a secret plot from an enemy kingdom. Will finds himself in a race against time and the king's would-be assassin, Will finds unlikely help from a mysterious holy man and a bossy girl from the royal court. The target audience for this title is "middle school", yet I had a very hard time putting this 224-page book down. Make of that what you wish.

Tom Leis,
Parish Librarian
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May 10, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of April 27– May 3, 2026

Offertory: \$6,418.25

Good Friday: \$25.00

Total: \$6,443.25

Needed Weekly: \$4,600.00

March E-gifts: \$2,538.91

THANK YOU!

2025-2026

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$36,920.00

Received to date: \$38,822.45

Donors: 80

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 9 May, 6:30 PM +Larry Cina

(Dick & Sandra Tuszynski)

Sunday, 10 May, 10:30 AM +Msgr. Carl E. Steiner

(Ben & Carly Zadow)

Fr. Joe will say intentions while away

Wednesday, 13 May, Fr. Joseph Richards

Friday, 15 May, +Judy Crapser

(Dave & Sue Fanta)

Saturday, 16 May, 6:30 PM Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh *for the Holy Spirit's guidance, strength, and wisdom to sustain him in his new mission as an associate pastor (in the parishes of Viroqua, Coon Valley, Hillsboro and Wonewoc)*

Sunday, 17 May, 10:30 AM +Ione Hauser

(Robert Hauser)

Ministry Schedule

Sat., May 16, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

Reid Fisher Altar Server

Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun., May 17, 10:30 AM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Alexis Scoville Altar Server

Al Mislivecek Lector

If not able to serve as scheduled, please contact bethlakmann@icloud.com to request a sub. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 9 May, 12:00-2:00 PM Well-read Moms in the sitting room

Saturday-Sunday, 10 May, following Masses Mother's Day Weekend Roses Sale

Sunday, 10 May, 9:30 AM Choir rehearsal

Monday-Friday, 11-15 May, Fr. Joe on retreat - no weekday Masses

Tuesday, 12 May, 5:00-7:00 PM GriefShare in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 13 May, Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, 6 May, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 13 May, 5:15 PM Communion Service

Saturday, 16 May, 5:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Sunday, 17 May, 9:00-10:15 AM Decision Point in Confirmation basement classroom

Monday, 18 May, 5:00-6:30 PM Free Community Meal at Good Shepherd Church, Viroqua

Monday, 18 May, 5:00-7:00 PM GriefShare in Marian Hall

* **Parish Gardens in need of** *
* **Volunteer Gardeners!** *
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* Please contact the parish office if *
* willing and able to care for one *
* or more of our garden areas. *
* *

Happy Mother's Day!



Ladies' Night Out

Pastoral Council Members

Kris Brueggen
Phyllis Krause
David Hall
Aaron Kane

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.



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A new joyfully Catholic, classical high school (hopefully opening in **fall 2027** and starting with **grades 9-10**) is being discerned in Prairie du Chien, WI as part of the Chesterton Schools Network. It will feature an integrated curriculum of humanities, math & science, and the fine arts—forming students in faith, virtue, and the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty.

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