

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

Here's a reminder of the way my next week and a half away are going to affect our schedule – again, after Mass I'll be heading down to Lincoln to help with FOCUS' New Staff Training, when all the first and second year missionaries come together for initial and ongoing training for all the missionaries heading to the West and North regions (we used to call it the Great North in the golden years). This is a bit of a working vacation, meaning it's certainly refreshing and restorative, and a good bit of my time will be dedicated to priest-work – spiritual direction, confessions, Masses, etc. It ends up being much of the same ministry that goes through my office here, just with a reprieve from the office side of things (which I am as glad to carry as I am to take a moment's breather).

Anyhow, as far as how this affects us here – Fr. Parr will join us for all the weekend Masses next weekend, so those are full speed ahead. We won't have daily Masses during the week, but between our own Deacon Tony, our own Fr. Joe's Deacon Dad Deacon Joe, and our summer seminarian Levi we'll still have some sort of service/program going on at the regular time each day of the week. Here's a rundown:

- **May 25: 8:30** Memorial Day service and Military Honors at the Coon Valley Cemetery *(continued on page 2)*

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1083/Vigil Mass
#1084*

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

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May 24, 2026

- **May 26: 4:30** Adoration, 5:15 Communion Service in Coon Valley
- **May 27: 5:15** Communion Service and 5:45 Adoration in Viroqua
- **May 28: 7:45** Rosary, 8:00 Scripture reflection in Coon Valley
- **May 29: 8:00** Scripture reflection in Viroqua
- **June 2: 4:30** Adoration, 5:15 Communion Service in Coon Valley
- **June 3: 5:15** Communion Service and 5:45 Adoration in Viroqua
- **June 4: 7:45** Rosary, 8:00 Scripture reflection in Coon Valley
- **June 5: 12:10** Mass in Viroqua, with me back in the action

One big change in here – notice that Friday Mass when I get back. Teaming up with Fr. Emmanuel necessitates the move of our 8:00 Mass to 12:10, and I've decided to initiate that change a month before our July 1, changeup so we can get used to it and spread our transitions out a bit. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns there.

Speaking of Seminarian Levi, as of last Tuesday he is officially with us for the summer! He'll be in and out this weekend with some ordinations in Madison and Superior, but you'll see him around on the weekends after that. Thank you to all of you who have already gone out of your way to introduce yourself and draw him into your orbit – I am deeply grateful! Over the next few weeks while I'm away, he'll have a few things going on around here; and please feel free to catch him for a meal, coffee, golf, fishing, whatever the case might be. God bless you all! Pray for me over the next week and a half here, and I'll certainly be praying for you!

Fr. Joe

ST. JAMES ANNUAL MASS AND MEETING will be held on Memorial Day. The Mass and graveside service will begin at 9:30 AM at St. James in Rising Sun, with donuts and coffee afterward. The annual meeting will discuss any upcoming projects for the year. Please join us!

CONNECTING THREADS: A small, but enthusiastic batch of surveys were turned in; and our first event is being planned. Join us on **Saturday, June 6, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** for a no-sew weaving project and a chance to connect with others who like to sew, quilt, knit or embroider. We will meet in the lower level meeting area. Drop-ins are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Hello parish family! This summer, please consider joining us for **FOCUS' Crux Bible Study**. This study is centered on proclaiming the core message of the Gospel, and creating a space for encounter with both our Lord and with our local Catholic community. Throughout these 5 sessions, where we will explore questions like, "What am I made for?", "Who is this Jesus?", and "Do you know the Father's love?" Bring your difficult questions and an open heart, and prepare to encounter the Gospel in a new way. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Carly Zadow with any questions (608-792-4872 / zadow2021@gmail.com)!

Where: Marian Hall (basement)

When: 6:30 PM on Thursdays June 18 & July 2, 9, 16, and 23.

May 24, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of May 11-17, 2026

Offertory: \$3,460.13

Total: \$3,460.13

Needed April E-gifts: \$2,583.00

THANK YOU!

2025-2026

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$36,920.00

Received to date: \$39,881.74

Donors: 82

Ministry Schedule

Sat., May 30, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

NOT FILLED Altar Server

Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun., May 31, 10:30 AM

Raven Stevenson Eucharistic Minister

Pearl Stevenson Altar Server

Basil Stevenson Altar Server

Dale Pertzborn Lector

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for McIntosh Memorial Library After School Program

Call the library: 608/637-7151

Email: Youth Services Director, Emilia Jury

- e.jury@wrlsweb.org

Program to run during the 2026-2027 school year starting August 25, 3:15-5:15 PM, Monday thru Thursday. Working with youth in first-fourth grade. Volunteer orientation and training will occur early August; must pass a background check. Will either help prepare snack and serve or work directly with youth activities and provide assistance. More information on atrium bulletin board. Commitments needed ASAP!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23 May, 6:30 PM +Gerald & Betty Stoltz

(Roger & Joyce Humfeld)

Sunday, 24 May, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks

(Family of Guy Nicks)

Fr. Joe will say intentions for week-days while away

Wednesday, 27 May, +Larry Cina

(Biebl Family)

Friday, 28 May, Bishop Gerard Battersby

Saturday, 30 May, 6:30 PM +Anna Mae Krause

(Veronica Tresner)

Sunday, 31 May, 10:30 AM +Teresa Armstrong

(Veronica Tresner)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, 24 May, 9:00-10:15 AM Decision Point in Confirmation basement classroom - final class

Sunday, 24 May, 9:30 AM Choir rehearsal

Monday, 25 May, Parish Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day holiday

Monday-Friday, 25 May-4 June, Father Joe out of state at FOCUS training

Tuesday, 26 May, 3:30-4:45 PM Middle School Girls' Bible Study in sitting room

Tuesday, 26 May, 5:00-7:00 PM GriefShare in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 27 May, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM St. Mary's Quilters in Marian Hall

Wednesday, 26 May, 5:15 PM Communion Service & Adoration

Friday, 29 May, 8:00 AM Scripture Reflection

Saturday, 30 May, 5:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Door of Hope SECOND annual baby bottle drive - the drive runs now thru Father's Day, with all filled bottles to be returned on that day. Please take a bottle and fill it with coins, cash or checks (please make checks out to 'Door of Hope')—a little change CHANGES LIVES! The QR code on the bottle will take you to their website (www.viroquahope.com) to learn more about Door of Hope, and also for people to give online if they would rather do that.

May 26, to June 2, 2026 - A special exhibit on the Shroud of Turin is coming to the Diocese of Madison, exploring what science, history, and faith reveal about the burial cloth of Jesus. All are welcome to come and see. (<https://madisondiocese.org/shroud> for more information)

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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.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

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.

If you're interested in this exciting opportunity for your children, we invite you to learn more and help shape our growing community.

It will offer:

- **Strong Catholic identity**, including **daily Mass**
- **Oath of Fidelity** required for all staff, faculty, and Board members
- **Rigorous, classical education** taught through the lens of the Catholic faith
- **Affordable tuition** within reach of working and middle-class families

Contact us today!

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