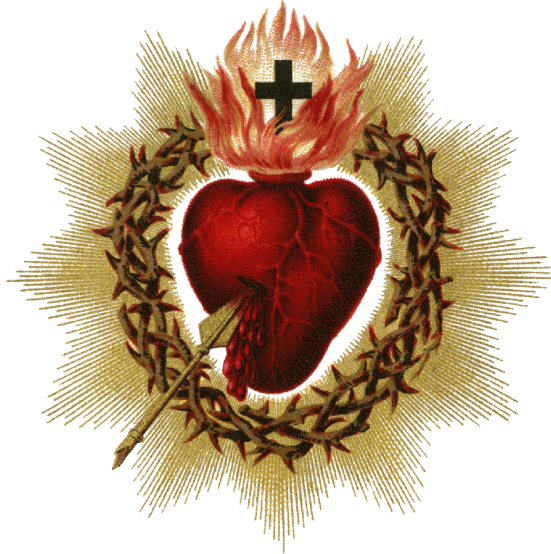


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello folks,

First, a note on seasons – this Sunday the team is donning the Greens of Ordinary Time for the first time in a long time – we’ve been back in this season for a month or so now, but with the feasts of Corpus Christi and Holy Trinity, the wearing of green (which is my color) has been a bit delayed. I’m well into the territory of repeating myself, but it’s worth mentioning again that the colors we wear at Mass have a good and holy intention – they draw us into the seasonality of the Church’s year. Purple makes up most of Lent and Advent, these seasons where we recall Christ’s own Kingship and where we enter into the penitential work of preparing for the coming seasons. We wear white or gold in Christmas and Easter as a bright reminder of what has just happened and what is still happening throughout those seasons. In the short window between Christmas and Lent and now in the longer season between Easter and Advent we wear green as a reminder (much like the growth of plants, crops, etc.) of the steady, long-game growth of grace. Ordinary Time is one of my top-six favorite seasons for this very reason – the readings tend to tell narrative-arc stories, and this makes for a beautiful chance to invite the Holy Spirit to sink the seeds of grace planted in those extraordinary seasons more and more deeply into our hearts. Plus, green is my color when I’m not wearing black.

Second, a note on some business. July 1, will mark the start of my pastorate in Hillsboro and Wonewoc as well the start of year five out here. Fr. Emmanuel will be moving into Hillsboro that day, and we’ll see some schedule shakeup that accompanies the change. Most notably, our Friday Mass has already bumped up from 8:00 to 12:10. I’ve been considering this for a while, hoping that time will still serve our 8:00 congregation but also open the door for the working crowd to come in over the lunch break. Beyond this, that 12:10 Mass (and *[continued on page 2]*)

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June 14, 2026
11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings are in the hymnal.
#1122

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 5:15 PM

Fridays - 12:10 PM

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. 9:30 AM during

Adoration, & 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 9:30 AM;

Every Tuesday 4:30 PM in CV

Every Wednesday after Mass

Benediction at 6:30 PM

Every Saturday 9:30 AM

Giving:

Online -

<https://diolc.org/annunciation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-parish-viroqua>

Parish Offices

OPEN: MTWF- 8 AM-4 PM

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[continued from page 1] its same-time partner in Hillsboro) will also open the door for Fr. Emmanuel and I to switch places. I'll be out here Tuesday through Thursday (with Mondays still my fairly committed day off), then I'll head out thataways on Fridays for Mass, business, and pastoral ministry. Fr. Emmanuel's schedule will offer the same but reversed. As for weekends, he and I will switch off every other weekend with some regularity, and when I have the weekend Mass out there I'll just stay over Thursday or Friday through Sunday (and again, the same for him out here). One last addition to our schedule – we're adding in a holy hour with adoration and confessions on Saturday mornings at 9:30 in Viroqua. My hope here is that families and folks that have a harder time making it in before weekend Masses or to our Wednesday evening confession time can make it out to that one. Of course, kids are most welcome to these times too – there's a real beauty to drawing the full family into these experiences, even and including the fact of increased noise/distraction. The Lord is good and in all of this!

God bless you all,

Fr. Joe

This summer, our seminarian, Levi Spaeth, will be running a study of the book *Return* by Brandon Vogt. The study will be held **Wednesday evenings** beginning **June 10th through July 22nd at 6:40 PM in Marian Hall**. If you signed up, but have not picked up your book yet, please contact Levi or stop in the parish office to do so. Thank you!

Are you currently serving in or interested in serving in the following ministries: Altar Server, Lector, and/or Eucharistic Minister? We are fortunate this summer to have Levi, who would like to provide an orientation for new people to these ministries and a refresher for those who are currently serving in them.

Please sign up in the gathering space if you are curious about these ministries and/or if you wish to continue participating in them. We will notify you of the dates and times of these sessions as they are scheduled.

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The Brown Scapular devotion traces back to a profound promise given by Our Blessed Mother to St. Simon Stock in 1251. For centuries, the faithful have embraced the scapular as a quiet but powerful form of prayer — a sign of belonging to Mary and of trusting in her motherly protection.

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David Hall
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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.

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Matt Bomkamp
Melanie Halvorson
Rhonda Kiedinger
Paul O'Rourke
Dale Pertzborn

June 14, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of June 1-7, 2026

Offertory: \$4,088.50

Catholic Life: \$388.00

Total: \$4,476.50

Needed: \$4,600.00

April E-gifts: \$2,583.00

THANK YOU!

2025-2026

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$36,920.00

Received to date: \$40,031.74

Donors: 84

Ministry Schedule

Sat., June 20, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister
Reid Fisher Altar Server
Will Fisher Altar Server
NOT FILLED Lector

Sun., June 21, 10:30 AM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister
Royce Scoville Altar Server
Sasha Scoville Altar Server
Dale Pertzborn Lector

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

If you wish for your contribution to the Annual Appeal to be credited for 2026, it must be postmarked **before June 30, 2026.**

Please make checks payable to the **Diocese of La Crosse.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 13 June, 6:30 PM +Ambrose Timmerman

(Timmerman Family)

Sunday, 14 June, 10:30 AM Levi Spaeth

Wednesday, 17 June, +Jeannie Halderson

(Angie Leis)

Friday, 19 June, 12:10 PM Women of the Parish

(PCCW)

Saturday, 20 June, 6:30 PM +Art & Agnes Leis

(Angie Leis)

Sunday, 21 June, 10:30 AM +Larry Cina

(Angie Cina)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 13 June, 5:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, 16 June, 1:00 PM Parish book club in the parish library

Tuesday, 16 June, 3:00-4:30 PM Girls Bible Study in sitting room

Wednesday, 17 June, 6:40 PM *Return* book study in Marian Hall

Thursday, 18 June, 6:30 PM Crux Bible Study in Marian Hall

Friday, 19 June, Evening Schneider Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, 20 June, TBA Schneider Wedding

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 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

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.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION JUNE 7, 2026



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