

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Hello friends,

I am officially back from Lincoln as of Thursday night and a breakneck drive keeping pace with a rearview rainstorm. On this third time back to help with FOCUS' staff training, I found myself tending more to veteran staff (three years plus), including some long-term spiritual directees and many one-off encounters. Much of this work revolved around forgiveness and inviting the Holy Spirit into particular reinforcing moments in their stories – I have some deep processing of my own to do as I hand over to the Lord what I've received in His people, and that is processing that I imagine will be playing out over the next week or two. Anyhow, thank you again for your good grace with my absence and especially for welcoming Levi so warmly – one of his first comments when we greeted each other upon my return was something along the lines of “the people have just been awesome.”

Now for some spiritual business from the top. (Along with all our priests) I got a request from the Bishop just after last week's bulletin had been finalized, asking for the people of the Diocese to join all the Dioceses of the United States in a consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart as we approach our country's 250th anniversary under two modes: first, a Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, second in a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The latter started on June 3 for a Consecration on June 11, but given this late notice I invite you to begin this novena this Sunday. I suggest that at next week's Tuesday and Wednesday Masses we pray together a special consecration to conclude the novena -- the Good Lord is outside of time, and He knows how to work with a tardy start. The former is a running invitation to pray through July 4. These are both too long to pop in a bulletin article, but if you type in the links below, they'll come right up with a website version or a downloadable PDF you can print off:

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## June 7, 2026 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1089

### Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 5:15 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

### Livestreaming Mass

[www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](https://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 Website [www.stmaryviroqua.org](http://www.stmaryviroqua.org); Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

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- The Prayer: [www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-sacred-heart-Jesus](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-sacred-heart-Jesus)
- The Novena: [www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-Jesus](http://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-Jesus)

Bishop Battersby continues to build the vision of his own episcopacy (time as Bishop) around a pivot from maintenance to mission – letting the Holy Spirit lead the Diocese broadly and us as particular parishes within the Diocese into an Apostolic Age in the Church. We are in a curious time of rediscovering the Church’s missionary mandate, an invitation to follow Jesus and the first disciples (and many since then) in carrying the Gospel out into the world, of receiving the Father’s blessing into our own hearts, being filled up with His life, and of welcoming His blessing’s overflowing through our own lives. This is a beautiful and a challenging moment to ask about every single thing we do, “Lord how are You inviting me through this into Your Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20)?” This prayer and this novena are a powerful way to root our own hearts in Jesus’ own Sacred Heart.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

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Please extend a warm welcome to **new parishioner**, Lynn Kronschnabel!

This Sunday, we welcome **Ada Rosemary Albrecht**, daughter of Zachary and Jennifer (Wilder) Albrecht, into the Christian family through the sacrament of Baptism!

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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***Pastoral Council Members***

Kris Brueggen	Cathy Poshepny
Phyllis Krause	Jenny Leum
David Hall	Dcn. Tony Shay
Aaron Kane	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](mailto:stmaryparish@mwt.net).

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***Finance Council Members***

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

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of May 25-31, 2026

Offertory: \$2,965.00

Total: \$2,965.00

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 6 June, 6:30 PM Women of the Parish**  
(PCCW)

**Sunday, 7 June, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks**  
(Family of Guy Nicks)

**Wednesday, 10 June, +Casper & Elenora Leis**  
(Angie Leis)

**Friday, 12 June, 12:10 PM Wayne & Joan Carpenter's 50th**  
**Wedding Anniversary**  
(Ann Graham)

**Saturday, 13 June, 6:30 PM +Ambrose Timmerman**  
(Timmerman Family)

**Sunday, 14 June, 10:30 AM Levi Spaeth**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, 7 June, 9:30 AM Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, 7 June, 10:30 AM Ada Rosemary Albrecht's Baptism**  
**during Mass**

**Monday, 8 June, 5:00-7:00 PM GriefShare in Marian Hall**

**Tuesday, 9 June, 3:00-4:30 PM Girls Bible Study in sitting room**

**Saturday, 9 June, 9:30 AM Adoration & Confession**

**Saturday, 13 June, 12:00-2:00 PM Well-read Moms meeting in**  
**sitting room**

**Saturday, 13 June, 5:30 PM Choir rehearsal**

## Ministry Schedule

### **Sat., June 13, 6:30 PM**

Pat Biebl            Eucharistic Minister  
Reid Fisher        Altar Server  
Lane Fisher        Altar Server  
Mark Brueggen    Lector

### **Sun., June 14, 10:30 AM**

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister  
Basil Stevenson    Altar Server  
Pearl Stevenson    Altar Server  
Stephen Lambert    Lector

**If not able to serve as scheduled, please contact [bethlakmann@icloud.com](mailto:bethlakmann@icloud.com) to request a sub. Thank you!**

## **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](mailto: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!

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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](mailto:zadow2021@gmail.com))!

**Where: Marian Hall (basement)**

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

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**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](http://www.viroquahope.com)) to learn more about Door of Hope, and also for people to give online if they would rather do that.

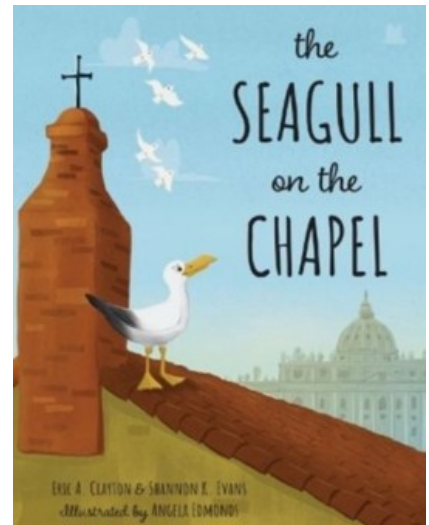
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**LIBRARY CORNER** *The Seagull on the Chapel* by Eric Clayton and Shannon Evans, Illustrated by Angela Edmonds

This is a picture book for any age. It is a story about value and worth that was written in honor of Pope Leo XIV. Ever since she was a baby seagull, Maggie wished to be a dove. Doves, after all, represented the Holy Spirit. Maggie finds herself on the roof of the Sistine Chapel as “Bob from Chicago” is chosen to be Pope. It is a story about a seagull, and acceptance, and the conclave process. There is a lot to appreciate about this book. It also presented me with a new favorite quote: **“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”**

**--Saint Augustine of Hippo**

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