

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



Friends,

It is good to be back here this weekend! A week and a half ago now I headed down to Hillsboro on Tuesday night to clock in for Wednesday morning, and since then Pat and Fran and I have been processing a flurry of admin, facilities, and pastoral needs piece by piece, getting things in place. I re-echo my gratitude for their help out there and our team here, and my gratitude to you for following me on this ride. I am excited to welcome Fr. Emmanuel this weekend – he will be staying with Levi and I in the rectory this weekend, then next weekend he'll be all yours while I head out to Hillsboro/

Wonewoc, and then we're fairly off to the races with our switching-every-other-weekend rotation. You've welcomed me so well, as well as Levi and John and Fr. Matthew in past summers. This week, my own failure to communicate much regarding Fr. Emmanuel's time with us struck me, and I apologize for that – while I've warned you up for our seminarians as I've experienced hosting them more and more, I haven't given you much preparation on what it looks like to receive an Associate Pastor – a big part of this is my own learning what it means to incorporate another priest into our life together. So let me give that a shot.

For a start, let me maybe return back to my own memories as an Associate in Wausau. Of course COVID played a role in that time, and I also lived fulltime onsite – those are important disclaimers. When I think back to my time in Wausau, my most important memories circulate around particular relationships. There was a grace in Fr. Mark and I tag-teaming the parishes' ministries, in the incorporation of our different homiletic and liturgical styles, and in our own brotherhood, but when I remember "My Time in Wausau" I first remember this or that example of several families and individuals – folks who chose to draw me into their lives. Some of them I've kept up with (I golfed with two such guys earlier this week), some I run into when I happen to be giving a mission in Wausau or something of that nature, and some I don't have much contact with anymore, but for that time we really shared each other's space by their own openness and mine. They're also not all woodworking or canoeing or daily Mass going folks, although I do still sometimes wind up in a boat with one of Fr. McCarty's family members. The important thing here is that these folks chose for a single evening's dinner or for a standing sitting-together-at-the-basketball-game season to draw me into their orbit. All of that is to say I simply encourage you to draw Fr. Emmanuel into your orbit. With his primary residency out in Hillsboro and mine in Viroqua, our ministries will naturally lean one way or the other, but I am very curious to see how the Holy Spirit orchestrates, with our involvement, the arrangement of our parishes' pastoral ministry. Fr. Emmanuel has given me his blessing to share his number with you for just such occasions as these, and we'll keep it posted in our bulletin: (608) 604-1413.

God bless you,
Father Joe

Father Joseph M. Richards, Pastor (608) 606-9787;

Father Emmanuel S. Famiyeh, Associate Pastor (608) 604-1413; Deacon Tony Shay;

Carlene Zadow, Parish Secretary, office@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Director, cgs@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org;

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July 12, 2026
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Readings: Gather Hymnal #1134

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 5:15 PM

Fridays - 12:10 PM

Livestreaming Mass

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Diocesan Televised Mass

Channel 19: Sunday, 9:30 AM,

Livestream: Diocesan Facebook page.

Pastoral Visits:

Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one is in need of a pastoral visit or 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 Fridays after Mass

Benediction at 1:30 PM;

Every Tuesday 4:30 PM in CV

Every Wednesday after Mass

Benediction at 6:30 PM

Every Saturday 9:30 AM

Online Giving:

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

Parish Office:

400 Congress Avenue,
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HOURS:

MTWF – 9 AM-3 PM

Thursday-11 AM-3 PM

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July 12, 2026

Altar Server Training:

If you or your child signed up with interest in altar serving, **please stay after Mass next Sunday, July 19th** for training with Levi, our summer seminarian. If you have questions or are interested and didn't get a chance to sign up, please feel free to reach out to Levi beforehand. Please also contact Levi if you are unable to attend the training (spaeth.levi@proton.me).

Cashton Healing Service:

Come and experience God's supernatural love! **Sunday, August 2, 2026.** Mass at **10:00 AM**, followed by Adoration. **12:15 PM** Corporate Prayer for Healing, followed by Individual Prayer with Healing Teams at **12:30 PM**. All are welcome. **Where:** Sacred Heart Church, 1205 Front Street, Cashton, WI.

Coon Valley Picnic:

St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley would like to invite you to join us for our **Annual Family Picnic** on **Saturday, July 25th** from **11:00 AM–4:00 PM** on our parish lawn (900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI). This is a free community event, and *everyone is welcome!* We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, desserts, and ice cream treats. The afternoon will also include live music, games, a bounce house with water slide, parent vs. kids contests, and more fun for all ages. Goodwill donations will be gratefully accepted.

PCCW news:

The PCCW will be meeting **Thursday, July 16th at 5:15pm** in the pie room (the room behind the parish kitchen). Among the things we'll be discussing will be fellowship, circles, and some initial Fall Dinner planning. ***All women in the parish are welcome!*** A rosary will be led upstairs in the church at **4:30pm prior to the meeting** for anyone who would like to participate.

Update from the Hospitality Committee:

Our monthly fellowship gatherings after Mass will go on hiatus this summer (June, July and August). To encourage the development of a community with a welcoming spirit, we would like to open the work of organizing and conducting the fellowship weekends to the entire community. Over the summer, please consider whether you would like to continue to participate in fellowship weekends, and whether you would be able to occasionally assist in making the fellowship meetings happen, along the lines of the recent highly successful volunteer process for Funeral Luncheons. In August, there will be sign-up sheets in the gathering space to volunteer for the tasks of fellowship weekends – set up, preparing refreshments, serving refreshments, greeting, and clean up. Those responses will allow us to resume fellowship weekends in September. Please give this your prayerful consideration in the coming months. Any questions? Contact any of the members of the Hospitality Committee: Kris Brueggen (kbrueggen01@gmail.com), Pat Baranczyk (patbaranc@gmail.com), Pat Biebl (bieb5@mwt.net), Melanie Halvorson (melhalvor@gmail.com), Cathy Lund (cndlund@icloud.com), Megan Prorok (prorokmegan@gmail.com) or Carly Zadow (zadow2021@gmail.com).

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.

Finance Council Members

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

Our Finance Council assists the pastor in the administration of the parish's financial resources, responsibilities, and building and grounds. It meets regularly to review our income and expenses, to discuss any issues with our facilities, and to draft an annual budget.

July 12, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of June 29 - July 5, 2026

Offertory: \$4,998.25

Mission Co-op: \$965.00

Catholic Life: \$60.00

Christmas Flowers: \$25.00

Total: \$6,048.25

Needed: \$5,800.00

May E-gifts: \$2,494.85

THANK YOU!

2025-2026

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$36,920.00

Received to date: \$42,091.00

Donors: 85

Ministry Schedule

Sat., July 18, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Will Fisher Altar Server

NOT FILLED Altar Server

Amy Matthes Lector

Sun., July 19, 10:30 AM

Dcn. Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister

Sasha Scoville Altar Server

Alexis Scoville Altar Server

Stephen Lambert Lector

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

SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT

On **Thursday, July 16th at 12:10 PM**, to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we will be offering a prayer service in the church for those enrolling in the Brown Scapular. There will be a **time of adoration and prayer** while each person makes the enrollment. All are welcome to come and pray for our brothers and sisters who are participating in enrollment!

FREE Kitchen Range (electric)

Broiler doesn't work - contact parish office if interested.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 11 July, 6:30 PM - *Father Joe & Father Emmanuel*

+ **Ryan Glosemeyer** (Douglas Glosemeyer)

Sunday, 12 July, 10:30 AM - *Father Joe & Father Emmanuel*

+ **Guy Nicks** (Family of Guy Nicks)

Wednesday, 15 July, 5:15 PM - *Father Joe*

Spiritual Renewal of our Diocesan priests

(Sonja Finn)

Friday, 17 July, 12:10 PM - *Father Emmanuel*

+ **Anna Mae Krause** (Joann Swanson)

Saturday, 18 July, 6:30 PM - *Father Emmanuel*

Father Emmanuel Famiyeh

Sunday, 19 July, 10:30 AM - *Father Emmanuel*

+ **Barbara Vesbach** (David & Debra Abt)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday-Sunday, 11-12 July, Fellowship following each Mass to welcome Father Emmanuel

Sunday, 12 July, 9:00am Scapular Info Session in Sitting Room

Monday, 13 July, 3:00-4:30pm Girls Bible Study in Sitting Room

Wednesday, 15 July, 6:40pm *Return* Book Study in Marian Hall

Thursday, 16 July, 12:10pm Scapular Enrollment in Church with

Adoration - all are welcome!

4:30pm Rosary for PCCW meeting in Church

5:15pm PCCW Meeting in Pie Room - *All*

women of the parish are welcome!

6:30pm Crux Bible Study in Marian Hall

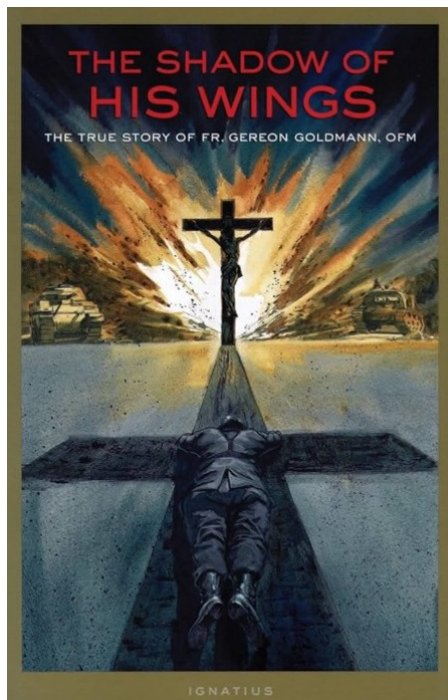
Saturday, 18 July 9:30-10:30am Adoration and Confessions

Sunday, 19 July Altar Server Training following 10:30am Mass

A Prayer for our Priests

As parishioners, we have a particular opportunity to love our pastors very well through prayer. Father Joe has mentioned perhaps praying a Rosary for his needs, which is an excellent way of offering prayer for him. We would also like to offer a prayer for both of our priests as they head into finding what works for both their personal needs and schedules alongside the parishioners' needs in their new assignments. Please consider joining us in this prayer daily for the next however-long-you-feel-so-called-to-continue. There are also prayer cards available in the gathering space next to the bulletins. God bless you all and each!

Lord Jesus, I entrust the care of my priests to You. Please give Father Joe and Father Emmanuel whatever virtues and strength that they need today in order to serve those entrusted to their care as You would. You are our Good Shepherd; please draw both of these men, Your beloved priests, closer and closer to Your own heart. Take their burdens upon Your own shoulders, and give them Your yoke, which is easy and light. Please bring them to find rest for themselves in You today, and give them Your peace. Amen.



LIBRARY CORNER

The Shadow of His Wings by Father Gereon Goldmann, OFM

I have read only a few autobiographies in my lifetime. Of the few I have read, this is likely my favorite. Gereon Goldman, a young German seminarian, was drafted into Hitler's dreaded SS at the onset of World War II. Without betraying his Catholic ideals, against all odds, and in the face of Evil, Goldmann was able to complete his priestly training, be ordained, and secretly minister to German Catholic soldiers and innocent civilian victims caught up in the horrors of World War II. I found myself in awe of Goldman's unshakable faith. This story also gives evidence to the power of love and the power of prayer. Historically speaking the perspective of a Catholic seminarian within the SS during WWII was especially intriguing. Ignatius Press has published this title multiple times because of its popularity.

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