

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

Hello friends,

In case you weren't in town over the last few weekends, I announced in the East and West that as of Advent 2026 (November 28) we'll be splitting this assignment, with Fr. Emmanuel taking over in Hillsboro and Wonewoc and myself receding to Viroqua and Coon Valley. To sum up that announcement, this has been a potential plan since the beginning, with a 50/50 likelihood of either a longer time under this arrangement or this upcoming change. I started workshopping all this with Fr. Martin, the Bishop, and the Personnel Council when I was told about Fr. Bauer's move somewhere in March or April, and shortly after lining me up as the Pastor Fr. Emmanuel was lined up as the Associate Pastor. I remain grateful for the longer-than-usual leadup they gave us to get ducks in a row and start laying some groundwork before the assignment actually began in July.

Anyhow, when we first started discussing an expansion of my assignment to include Hillsboro and Wonewoc we were trying to make a few things happen: first, to experiment with a new way of handling Pastoral needs over the next few decades – following Jesus' example of going out two by two into the mission field. From the first time I heard Fr. Emmanuel preach in those opening weekends I became excited by the prospect of collaborating with him, of drawing in a fresh perspective to Viroqua and Coon Valley and of working alongside him in Hillsboro and Wonewoc. Second, I knew there would be a significant administrative restructuring needed in Hillsboro and Wonewoc to get a broader base of lay folks contributing to our pastoral ministries, facility work, and programming. My hope in involving myself has been to make Fr. Emmanuel's transition into the Pastor's chair just a bit smoother so he can get right own to the work of shepherding. There are still particular jobs I'm focusing on – especially cemetery/offsite facility management and Council composition – over the next two months. Finally, aware of some of our parishes' histories, I desired to lend a hand in the healing and community-building work that will continue to be needed going ahead. I'm grateful to all of you for your support, understanding, and contributions as we worked through this last transition and prepare for the next one!

Finally for today, a little business – Fr. Emmanuel's home visit is starting up halfway through this next week. We've got priests lined up to cover the weekend Masses he won't be at from October 6-November 14, but our weekday services will be affected by my availability for both clusters. In short, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will not be daily services in Hillsboro and Wonewoc, but we will have a Thursday Mass in Wonewoc at 5:15 (to accommodate my travel) as well as Friday's customary 12:10. Out West, Tuesday through Thursday stay the same, but from October 9 through November 6 there will not be a noon Mass in Viroqua. Funerals may affect this schedule, so I'd suggest you keep your eyes on the bulletin each weekend and we'll share a clear forecasting of who's where when for the week ahead.

God bless you!
Father Joe



THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED WORKERS OF THE VINEYARD
(Притча о злых виноградарях) - ANDREY MIRONOV (2013)

OCTOBER 4, 2026
27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Readings: *Gather Hymnal #1170*

Holy Mass

Saturdays	4:00pm	Coon Valley
	6:30pm	Viroqua
Sundays	8:00am	Coon Valley
	10:30am	Viroqua
Tuesdays	5:15pm	Coon Valley
Wednesdays	5:15pm	Viroqua
Thursdays	8:00am	Coon Valley
Fridays	12:10pm	Viroqua

Livestreaming Mass

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Diocesan Televised Mass

Channel 19: Sunday, 9:30 AM, Livestream:
Diocesan Facebook page.

Confession

Saturdays	9:30-10:30am	Viroqua
	3:15-3:45pm	Coon Valley
	5:45-6:15pm	Viroqua
Sundays	9:45-10:15am	Viroqua
Wednesdays	5:45-6:30pm	Viroqua

Baptism & Marriage

Contact our parish office for information
and scheduling.

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays	9:30-10:30am	Viroqua
Tuesdays	4:30-5:00pm	Coon Valley
Wednesdays	5:45-6:30pm	Viroqua
First Fridays	12:45-1:30pm	Viroqua

Rosary

30 minutes before all Masses

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.

Online Giving

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

Parish Office

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HOURS:

MTWTF: 9 AM-3 PM

Thursday: 11 AM-3 PM

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Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 11, 2026

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their **annual Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, October 11, 2026** from **7:30 AM – gone or Noon** (whichever comes first). Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Make your pancakes just the way you like them with our topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

Well Read Mom

The next Well Read Mom meeting is **Saturday, October 10** from **9:30 am to 11:30**. Join us to discuss *So Big* by Edna Ferber. New members are always welcome!

Small Groups: Necessary Component of the Christian Life

Small groups are a unique avenue for us to learn more about Christ's teaching, grow in fellowship with one another, prepare ourselves to participate in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration, and pray together. It is striking that Jesus promised "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt 18:20). The purpose of small groups is to foster greater openness to Jesus Christ and grow in our faith, hope and charity. Small groups also help to build community and a sense of belonging in our parishes, develop strong friendships in Christ, deepen our relationship with the Lord by deepening our understanding, strengthen us by walking with others, and accept others and ourselves as imperfect persons who are seeking God. *If you have ever thought about facilitating or being a part of a small group, but don't know where to start, please reach out to Carly in the parish office for assistance and resources!*



Mass Intentions

Father Emmanuel is going to be visiting his family in Ghana from mid-October through mid-November, and would like to bring some Mass intentions along with him to offer while he is gone. The suggested donation for a Mass intention in our Diocese is \$20.00. If you have any intentions that you would like offered by Father Emmanuel while he is gone, please reach out to the parish office.

Sign ups for our Fall Dinner are now available

Fall Dinner this year will be on Wednesday, October 21st. Please prayerfully consider how you and your family could use your gifts to contribute to the parish through participation in this beautiful event. We are in need of many generous hearts who are willing to serve in both large and small ways. Please sign up in the Gathering Space!

Raffle Tickets for the Fall Dinner

Turkey dinner raffle tickets are available for pickup or purchase in the atrium. Here is how it works!

1. Pickup the tickets
2. Bring back the money and the stubs.
3. Wait with the patience of a good Catholic until October 21st for the drawing

In the meantime, check out the list of the great charities that benefit from your generosity!

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 office@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org.

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.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 4:

9:00-10:15am:

Family Faith Formation - *Coon Valley* Basement
Altaration (Middle School Formation) - Pie Room
Decision Point (9th Grade Formation) - Sitting Room
Confirmation - Confirmation Room in Basement

During 10:30am Mass: **Scott Edwards Confirmation
& First Communion** - *Welcome Home!*

Tuesday, October 6:

6:30-8:30pm: **Healing the Whole Person** - Marian
Hall & Church

Wednesday, October 7:

10:00am-12:00pm: **St. Mary's Quilters** - Marian Hall
3:30pm-5:00pm: **Hospitality Committee Meeting** -
Parish Library

Thursday, October 8:

5:00-7:00pm: **Advance Care Planning** - Marian Hall

Saturday, October 10:

9:30-11:30am: **Well Read Mom** - Sitting Room

Sunday, October 11:

9:00-10:15am: **Altaration (Middle School
Formation)** - Pie Room
11:45am-1:00pm: **First Reconciliation Prep** -
Basement Classroom

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3, 6:30 PM - *Father Joe*
+ **Ivan & Mary Cowell** (Angie Leis)

Sunday, October 4, 10:30 AM - *Father Joe*
+ **Guy Nicks** (Family of Guy Nicks)

Wednesday, October 7, 5:15 PM - *Father Joe*
+ **Debra Skildum** (Angie Leis)

Friday, October 9, NO MASS

Saturday, October 10, 6:30 PM - *Father Honoré Kombo*
+ **Anna Mae Krause** (Veronica Tressner)

Sunday, October 11, 10:30 AM - *Father Douglas Robertson*
+ **Barbara Vesbach** (Roger & Joyce Humfeld)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offeratory needed weekly:
\$5,800.00

Sept. 21-27, 2026

Offertory: \$4,503.50
July E-gifts: \$2,531.59

THANK YOU!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM

Dcn. Tony Shay	EM
Pat Biebl	Lector
Fisher Family	Server

Sun., Oct. 11, 10:30 AM

Matt Tubbin	EM
Melanie Halvorson	Lector
Stevenson Family	Servers

For sub requests, contact
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QUOTES BY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - MEMORIAL OCTOBER 4TH

1. There is one thing of which we can all boast; we can boast of our humiliations and in taking up daily the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. We can never tell how patient or humble a person is when everything is going well with him. But when those who should cooperate with him do the exact opposite, then we can tell. A man has as much patience and humility as he has then, and no more.
3. May the power of your love, O Lord, fiery and sweet as honey, wean my heart from all that is under heaven, so that I may die for love of your love, you who were so good as to die for love of my love.
4. With all our hearts and all our souls, all our minds and all our strength, all our power and all our understanding, with every faculty and every effort, with every affection and all our emotions, with every wish and desire, we should love our Lord and God.
5. We must all be on our guard against pride and empty boasting and beware of worldly or natural wisdom. A worldly spirit loves to talk a lot but do nothing, striving for the exterior signs of holiness that people can see, with no desire for true piety and interior holiness of spirit.



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JESUS SAID "WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM." MATTHEW 18:20.

Pat Obernberger is looking for someone to assist with Decision Point with our 9th graders on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Being present will grow your formation, as well as share what being Catholic means to you with our youth. See front of bulletin for Pat's contact info to get more information.

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ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS. - PHILLIPIANS 4: 8