

St. Mary's Parish

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August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading 630B

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Weekend Masses:

St. Mary's, Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 9:15 AM
Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua
Sat. - 6:00 PM, Sun. - 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM
St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge
Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM
St. Peter, Middle Ridge
Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass: (beginning May 9, 2018)
8:00 AM Wednesday
8:00 AM Friday

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact Fr. Matt to register for Baptism preparation. Preparation should be completed before the birth of your child, if possible.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

Book of Prayer Requests: Located in the back of church. Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The prayer requests will be included in the Mass intercessions.

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- 1) Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
- 2) Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
- 3) John 6:24-35



FOCUS: Only God can satisfy our longings.

Today's readings remind us of a fundamental truth about human beings: we are never satisfied. Nothing that the world provides – be it food, material things or fulfillment of desires – can ever be enough to make us truly content. In the end, only God can satisfy our longings.

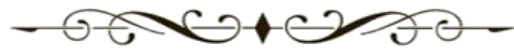
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In the first reading, we hear of God's gracious, abundant provision to the Israelites of daily bread and meat. Paul encourages us to put away the futility of our old way of life and put on our new self in Christ. Jesus assures the crowd that follows him, seeking a sign, that he himself is the Bread of Life.

Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's.		
	Saturday, Aug 11 4:00 PM	Sunday, Aug 12 9:15 AM
Servers:	Joe Armbruster, Rhianna and Jacqueline Steiger	Izakk, Wyatt and Alyah McCauley
Reader:	Jeana LeJeune	Ryan Goodwin
Communion Minister:	Mary Humfeld	Sue Humfeld
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Dave Humfeld and Dan VonFeldt
Money Counters:	Caroline Tiedeman and Pat Kammel	

Giving Last Week		Week 30	7/29/2018
Adult Envelopes	\$880.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$436.00	Received This Week	\$1,316.00
Total	<u>\$1,316.00</u>	Running total Needed	\$42,000.00
33 of 115 envelopes received *extr		Running total Received	\$37,370.11
		Difference	(4,629.89)

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Aug 7	7:00 PM	No Sunday Reading Reflection Group
Aug 15	8:00 AM	NO morning Mass
Aug 15	8:00 PM	Mass for Holy Day of Obligation— <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sept 7	Following Mass	First Friday Adoration
Sept 9	Following Mass	Religious Education Parent Meeting and Registration
Sept 23	Following Mass	1st day of Religious Education Class



Mass Intentions		
Aug 4	4:00 PM	†Deceased members of the Rokos and Roningen Families
Aug 5	9:15 AM	The People of God
Aug 8	8:00 AM	†Willard and Mina Kubal
Aug 10	8:00 AM	†Larry and Myrtle Geier
Aug 11	4:00 PM	†Dennis LeJeune
Aug 12	9:15 AM	Silha Families

Announcements

Holy Day of Obligation

The holy day of the Assumption is Aug 15th. We will have a Mass at 8 PM instead of the usual 8 AM daily Mass time.

Death Café

Consider joining Fr. Matt Aug 7th for the "Death Cafe" at the Franciscan Spirituality Center. Michelle Chang, a psychology student at Stanford University in California will be the host. In the "death café" format, people meet to share perspectives, stories and questions about death. Chang is hosting her "traveling death conversation" in memory of a high school friend who died a year ago. The La Crosse meeting will be Aug 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Franciscan Spirituality Center at 920 Market St., while the Viroqua session will be Aug 10th from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Ark at 401 E. Jefferson St.

Would You or Someone You Know Want a Visit?

If you, or if you know someone who is ill or homebound and would like a visit from Fr. Matt or from a fellow parishioner, call the parish office. Please contact us even if you think we already know! It's time to update our lists!

Calling all Catechists!

Please consider helping serve as a catechist this year at St. Mary's. The commitment would be to helping share our faith with young people once a week on Sunday from 10:15 - 11:30 AM. We have textbooks to help facilitate discussion and guide both teachers and students. Fr. Matt looks forward to visiting classes every week! Contact Fr. Matt with questions. Contact Paul Thompson via e-mail to register as a teacher thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

Fr. Matt will be gone this weekend

Please warmly welcome our help-out priests and pray for Fr. Matt and the Hmong Community, who are attending this year's HANCA conference: Hmong American National Catholic Conference.

Sacristy Cleaning

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleanout.

Sunday Reading Reflection Group

Please note that the Sunday Readings Reflection Group will NOT meet this on Tuesday, Aug 7th at 7:00 PM. However, we will resume again on Aug 14th. All are welcome!

Religious Education Registration

Registration letters were mailed to previously enrolled families. For those who did not receive a letter, or if you are new to the program, registration information is posted on our Website at <https://www.stmarycv.org/religious-education>. Save the dates: September 9th (Parent Meeting and Registration) and September 23rd (1st day of classes). If you have questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Paul Thompson at thom.paulrobert@gmail.com.

Aquinas Catholic School News

Aquinas Catholic Schools is now enrolling for the 2018-19 school year. For more information, please visit www.aquinaschools.org or call (608) 784-8585.

Preschool enrollment is still open for the 2018-2019 school year. Offered at both St. Patrick Elementary located in Onalaska and Cathedral Elementary located in La Crosse. Our program provides high-quality early childhood education for 3 and 4-year-old children. For enrollment questions please contact us today: (608) 784-8585 Or visit admissions.aquinaschools.org

Healing Through Grief Group will meet on Monday, August 6, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, in the Dale Conference Room at the Mayo Hospital Building (800 West Avenue South). The topic will be "The Grieving Process: What's Happening to Me." Sessions include an educational topic and a time to share with others also experiencing grief. Free Confidential, one-on-one support is also available from a Franciscan Healthcare chaplain with specialized training in grief. Registration is not required, attend any or all sessions. For more information please call 608.785.0940 ext. 22218.

Our annual Witnesses for Christ Conference, August 10-11, will feature Dr. Holly Ordway, the author of "Not God's Type" as she relates her transformation from a secular-minded English professor and antagonistic atheist to a devout Catholic. Holly's fencing coach was very instrumental in her conversion by living in a way that surprised her into asking questions and having simple conversations about the realities of Jesus our Savior.

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Encounter Christ in the Sacraments

Do you want to help someone cultivate a desire for God? As a catechist or catechetical leader, do you want your students to experience the Sacraments as a life-changing encounter with Christ rather than empty ritual? As a parent, do you want your children to participate in Mass beyond "Sit, Stand, and Kneel"? Then please join us for "The Witnesses for Christ Conference" August 10-11 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse. For a brochure with further details, a poster or to register, go here: <http://diolc.org/catechesis/>

Want a more joyful marriage?

We invite you to take part in the Domestic Church retreat at the La Crosse Diocesan Center August 16-19. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Take your marriage to the next level of happiness. Register today at diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/ For more information, call 608-791-2673.

Door of Hope Corn Boil

August 9, Noon to 8:00 PM, at the Vernon County Fair Grounds in the Expo Center Building. Adults: \$8, Children (4-12): \$3, 3 and under free. Corn-to-go: \$4 per dozen. Meal includes: hotdog, chips, beans, ice cream, drink and all the SWEET CORN you can eat!

St. Patrick's of Sparta, Summerfest

August 11 and 12. Saturday activities include a live auction, games for children and families including mini golf, a bake sale, The Red Crow Band, and of course our famous Baked Chicken Dinner. Two big additions this year are the Outdoor Craft and Vendors Show on Saturday and on Sunday, a Fiesta Latina theme including authentic Mexican Food, and the entertainment of a Mariachi Band. Come join the fun! For information call 608-269-2655 or visit <http://stpatricksparish.weconnect.com/>

St. Joseph Church Festival

August 18 and 19 at Guardian Angels Parish, 507 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Both days include, bake sale, white elephant rummage sale, vendors, bingo and raffles at noon, silent action at 10 AM, food, beer and music tent opens at 11 AM. Saturday evening starting at 5 PM is "Family Night at the Festival." On Sunday, DJ starts at 11 AM, Penny Hunt at noon, Kiddie Tractor Pull (noon registration with 1 PM pull), live auction at 2 PM, Chicken Q served Sunday for 11 AM to 2 PM grilled chicken with potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, tomato and cucumber salad, roll, pie, and beverage. 1/4 chicken \$8, 1/2 chicken \$10, kids under 6 eat free. Carry outs available call 715-299-0653. Masses held Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM.

Century Farm Recognition

The Diocese of La Crosse annually recognizes century farms located in the deanery of the Rural Life Day celebration. This year's 38th annual celebration will take place on September 19 and hosted on the Wall Stone Holstein Farm owned and operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Keving, Emily and William Walleter located at S7414 Fortner Rd, DeSoto, WI 54624 of the La Crosse Deanery. **If you operate a Century Farm please contact the parish office for the application, deadline is August 31 for this recognition.**

Eucharistic Minister Volunteers Needed

You are invited to become a Eucharistic Minister volunteer at Mayo Clinic Health System Franciscan HealthCare. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the living Lord to our sisters and brother who are in the hospital. Please call the Spiritual Care Department at 608-785-0940 ext: 22218 for more information if you would like to participate in this part-time ministry or if you have questions.

Free and Reduced Lunch Option

The Westby School District has provided Family Applications for free and reduced lunch. If you need assistance and would like to apply, simply grab and application off the table in back of church and follow the instructions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES and the SALVATION ARMY join together to Help Students Get Back2School!

It's time for Back2School! On August 15, we will be back at the La Crosse Center handing out school supplies and clothing to families in our community who need some extra help. Last year we were able to assist almost 800 children with backpacks and school supplies and this year we are anticipating closer to 1,000. With your support, we hope to meet this need and help children have a successful start to the upcoming school year!

How can you join us?

Volunteer

Each year, over 100 volunteer hours are needed to make this event possible which helps children in need throughout the La Crosse area! **Volunteers are needed August 7-9th** to help sort and count donations, August 14th to help setup the La Crosse Center, and August 15th to help with distribution. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sr. Laurie Sullivan at lsullivan@cclse.org or 608.519.8043. Groups are welcome!

Donate

If you are not able to volunteer, but would still like to participate in helping students and families, please help by purchasing and donating needed school supplies. In the La Crosse School District it cost the average kindergartner \$24.00 in supplies, elementary students cost over \$35.00 in basic supplies, middle and high school students cost over \$44.00 and these are just basic supplies! Not one of these estimates includes a backpack or a graphing calculator. Your help in donating supplies is greatly appreciated.

If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation would also be greatly appreciated. We use the funds to stock the center with supplies for students to pick up. School supplies may be dropped off at Catholic Charities downtown location, 413 South Third St., Monday-Friday between 9 am and 4 pm. Monetary donations can be made online at www.cclse.org or mailed to 3710 East Avenue South. Please be sure to specify that the donation is for school supplies.

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19 La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily: 7 AM & 6 PM

Catholic Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic Cable Television
Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley
Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite

Youth Religion Education Program:

Classes meet after the Sunday Mass from September to May. Coordinator: Paul Thompson. Email: thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at [<nfp@diolc.org>](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities offers many services in our diocese. Programs offered include: emergency services, adoption services, mental health counseling, financial counseling, HIV/AIDS ministries, immigration services, in-home support for children with disabilities, and domestic abuse services. For more information please call 1-888-212-HELP or visit [<www.cclse.org>](http://www.cclse.org).