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The Baptism of the Lord

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday and Friday - 8:00 AM

Tuesday - 6:00 PM (beginning Dec. 4, 2018)

Area Parishes:

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 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

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

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. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

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 requests will be included in the Mass intercessions.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- 2) Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
- 3) Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



FOCUS: God's saving grace is found in Jesus Christ.

It can be easy to forget the tremendous blessings we enjoy because of God's love for us – perhaps even taking them for granted. It is good to spend time with Scripture, and at Mass, thanking God for his never-ending love. We are reminded in word and sacrament that God's saving grace is found in Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies the Lord bringing peace and victory to Israel, and foretells the ministry of John the Baptist. Paul's Letter to Titus reminds his listeners of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist denies being the Messiah, and at the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit appears in the shape of a dove. God the Father's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus as his beloved son.

Mass Intentions		
We have the following dates available for the next few months: January -29; February - 8, 12, 15, 19, 20, 26; March -1, 2 or 3, 5, 12, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 30, & 31 April -2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18 , 23, 26, & 30 Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.		
Jan. 12	4:00 PM	†Daniel Urbanek
Jan. 13	9:15 AM	†Theodore Ollendick and Bette Fleming
Jan. 15	6:00 PM	NO MASS
Jan. 16	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Jan. 18	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Jan. 19	4:00 PM	†Larry and Myrtle Geier
Jan. 20	9:15 AM	†Kylie Von Ruden

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, Jan 19, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Jan 20, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Maddie and Syllas VonFeldt
Reader:	Jeana LeJeune	Carol Roesler
Communion Minister:	Mary Gajewski	John Roesler
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Mark Boland and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Willy Urbanek and Loree Nickelotti	

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Jan 12	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 15	7:00 PM	Men's Club meeting in the church basement
Jan. 15	6:30 PM	PCCW Meeting
Jan 15-18		NO Weekday Masses —Fr. Matt will be visiting family
Jan 20	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 22	6:00 PM	Evening Weekday Mass
Jan 22	After Mass	Council Meeting
Jan 27	After Mass	NO Religious Education Classes
Jan 29	6:00 PM	Evening Weekday Mass
Feb 1	After Mass	First Friday Adoration
Feb 3	After Mass	Religious Education Classes

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
1/11/2019		
	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,675.00	\$8,400.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,405.00</u>	<u>\$11,405.00</u>
Over/Under	<u>(\$730.00)</u>	<u>(\$3,005.00)</u>
Percent Pledged: 93.6%, Percent Received: 73.65%		
Number Contributing	30	

Giving Last Week		Week 1
Adult Envelopes	\$1,870.00	Needed Weekly
Offertory	\$68.00	Received This Week
NYD Envelopes	\$255.00	Running total Needed
NYD Offertory	\$40.00	Running total Received
Votive Candles	\$76.00	Difference

Announcements

Sacraments Notice (Confessions/Anointing)

If you would like to receive confession outside the normal 3:30 PM time on Saturdays or request an anointing, please contact Fr. Matt directly through our website under the Sacraments tab (www.stmarycv.org/sacraments). *The *Sacraments Page* is new to the website and offers an email feature or a phone call from a smartphone.

Violin Concert by Suzanne Gorman

Saturday, Jan. 19th Suzanne Gorman, who has played violin for us at several Masses, will be performing a concert at San Damiano Chapel at Viterbo. The concert begins at 1:00 PM. Please pray for her, or consider going if you have the time! God is with you, Suzanne!

Upcoming Council Meeting

Parish Councils meet Tuesday January 22nd at 7 PM. Please let Fr. Matt know if you would like anything to be considered by the group by Sunday Jan 20th.

Prayer Service—Against Human Trafficking

Friday, February 8th Prayer Vigil Against Human Trafficking 5:00 PM at English Lutheran Church in La Crosse.

Lent is *fast* approaching (hah hah!), please let Fr. Matt know if you have any ideas about how to make Lent a special time for our parish this year.

2019 Contribution Envelopes

There are still a few boxes left in back of church. Please take yours home today. Thank you!

Welcome Visiting Priest

Please warmly welcome Fr. Juan Pedro Balthasar from St. Pat's, Sparta while Fr. Matt is away January 19/20.

No Weekday Masses January 14-18

Fr. Matt will be visiting family Jan 14-18, 2019 and will not offer weekday masses. St. Joseph Ridge Parish offers 8:30 AM on Tues. and Thurs., St. Peter Parish (Middle Ridge) offers Wed. and Fri. at 8:00 AM and Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua offers Tues. 5:15 PM, Wed-Fri. at 8:00 AM.

Annual Appeal and Parish Tax Statements

The Diocese will process Tax Statements for the 2018 Annual Appeal Contributions beginning Thursday January 10, 2019. They expect that tax statements will be in the mail the week of January 21, 2019. The IRS postmark deadline for tax statements is January 31, 2019. Parish Contribution Statements will be available of pick up in the back of church next weekend, January 19/20th.

Taking a Stand...Making a Difference Signature Ad

This annual signature ad commemorating all of the precious lives lost to abortion will be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday, January 20th (Ad is sponsored by the La Crosse chapter of Wis. Right to Life). Check out the paper for the following listed: Jim and Barb Fleming, John and Carol Roesler, Curt and Jean Geier, Ronald and Marlene Humfeld,

Marian Korn, Jodie Holdorf, Mike and Clarice Kammel, and Bob and Laura Wiczorek.

January 14 ~ Raise Them Well Parenting Webinar

What role should emotions play in a child's life? How do you teach kids to control their emotions and to look beyond them? Join Alice Heinzen and Jeff Arrowood on-line on January 14th at 7PM for a great presentation and discussion on emotional maturity. Cost \$5. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars.

Winter Tea Garden: Lessons From Narnia

January 19, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Investment: \$45 per person (tables may be reserved in groups of six), Note: All net profits from this event benefit our three scholarship funds.

We invite you to come in from the cold and spend a winter afternoon in Narnia, the land from the beloved fantasy series *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Proceeds benefit our scholarship funds, ensuring that all who want to attend our programs and retreats can do so. As a special treat, guests can bid on a special Narnia-themed painting created by artist Mary Thompson during this event. **Please register online at www.FSCenter.org or by calling 608-791-5295** The Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse. **Seats are limited**

January 22 ~ The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will feature Joseph M. Scheidler, founder of the *Pro-Life Action League*, for a talk in the church on January 22 at 10:00 am. A Mass for Life celebrated by the Friars will follow at 11:00 am, after which there will be a pizza buffet on the lower level of the church (\$5 per person with pre-order required by Jan. 2). For group reservations, call 608-782-5440, ext. 240.

January 26 ~ Burning Hearts Theology of the Body “Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender.”

Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn and understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God's plan for sexuality. The date and location is: January 26, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Wausau, WI. The day will run 9:00am-3:45pm. The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it's \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

January 26 & February 23 ~ GIVEN Marriage Retreat ~ GIVEN

is a one-day retreat that fosters a deeper understanding of Marriage. It includes inspiring talks, energizing music and meaningful conversation. Retreats will be held in Marshfield (Jan.12, 2019), Chippewa Falls (Jan. 26, 2019) and La Crosse (Feb. 23, 2019). Dating, engaged and married couples are encouraged to attend. To get more information and/or register visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ (see the flyer posted in back of church).

February 1-2 ~ Diaconate Discernment Retreat Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church? Can you see yourself preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, and assisting at the altar? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center Feb. 1-2, 2019 and call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/

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Safe Haven Sunday

In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the harms of pornography. Why is this important? Let's look at a few facts about youth and pornography. In 2016, a study by the Barna Group discovered among teens age 13-17:

* 7% came across porn daily; 8% intentionally sought it out daily.

* 21% came across porn weekly; 18% sought it out weekly.

* 21% came across porn once or twice a month; 11% sought it out.

* In total, 57% of teens sought out porn at least monthly. Learn more about ending porn exposure on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10.

Pilgrimage with Bishop William P. Callahan

Please join Bishop Callahan on a nine-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lyon and Paris. On this all-inclusive pilgrimage you will experience sites such as the Grotto of Massabielle and the pilgrim's path to Compostela, the Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese, the "Little Flower", Omaha Beach, and the City of Light, Paris, plus many more. Each guest will enjoy 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, as well as an opportunity for daily Mass and spiritual activities. For more information, see the flyer posted in the back of church and feel free to **take a Flyer/Reservation Agreement with you today.** If you have questions please call the Diocese at 608-788-7700 or call Ashley at Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017.

U.S. Bishops Raise Social Concerns

The U.S. Bishops invite you to make your voice heard in Washington on a number of issues, including:

- Protection of Catholic adoption and foster care agencies
- Global relief of poverty and hunger
- Protection of the right to seek asylum

For information and action alerts, see diolc.org/social-concerns.

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Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and Help St. Mary's Parish

Amazon Smile is now up and running for our parish! *Amazon Smile* is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, and will now supporting St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon. Log in to: amazon.com/smile and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" in the search bar, or **simply click the new link on our**

parish website: stmarycv.org.

February 8 ~ Hearts Open Wide - High School Retreat at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation

Come join other high school women for a weekend retreat designed to help you come to a deeper understanding of God's call for your life. Join the Sisters in prayer, fellowship, activities, and Mass. Attendance does not imply that a girl is in the discernment process. This weekend is just to find out what the life is all about while growing in prayer and having some fun. When: February 8-10, 2019, Who: Young women currently in high school, Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse. Registration and Information: Register by January 30th at www.materredemptoris.org. Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June 2019

Applications are now open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word, possibly with distribution of Communion, on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in an emergency, or in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

New Diocesan Lay Formation Institute class launches fall of 2019

Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle that begins fall of 2019. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and consider scheduling a free "guest visit" to a class this spring to see what it's like! Just contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.diolc.org. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the im-

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).