

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



“Cross of the Eucharist” by Peter Koenig

Profero etiam Domine... Remember this? That prayer before Mass from St. Ambrose I quoted a few weeks back. We've had too much news for me to follow up since! Just a brief word then to keep this extended meditation on the gifts and needs of our community rolling along. *Profero etiam Domine*; "Here I lay before you, Lord..." This is the attitude of Eucharist, of the loaves and fishes. This is the mind of Jesus. Everything and everyone before us being acknowledged before God. "Active receptivity" is the popular phrase in theology. We are meant to be actively engaged with the world around us. Choosing to receive our experience as the gift it is. Here, in the gratitude, we connect to God and others. Here (not far away!) we find both what we and others need. In coming weeks we consider the many different people and situations that came to Ambrose's heart at every Eucharist. **What comes with you to Mass? Who is in your prayers?**

Fr. Matt

August 1, 2021

**18th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1144*

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

Livestreaming Mass

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Masses on Channel 15:**

Sunday Mass airs:

Tues. 11:30 am; Wed. 9:30 am;

Thur. 7:30 am; Fri. 5:30 am;

Sat. 3:30 am; Sun. 4:30 pm;

Mon. 2:30 pm.

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 church office,
(608) 637-7711, for information
and scheduling.

Confession

Saturday – 10:00-11:00 AM
in the church library
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays after Mass
Benediction at 10 AM

Giving:

Phone app –

https://tithe.ly/give_new

On-line –

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

Parish Office & Church:

OPEN: MTuWF – 8 AM-4 PM

Sat. – 9 AM-8 PM

Sun. – 9 AM-Noon

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Weekday Readings by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 2 August ~ Numbers 11:4-15 (St Eusebius of Vercelli)

We hear the story of the manna in the desert, a story with a long resonance in the New Testament, as we see in today's Gospel. Perhaps even more interesting is the familiar, even cheeky way, in which Moses addresses God.

Matthew 14:13-21

The first reading goes well with the Gospel today in which Jesus acts as the "new" Moses providing the new "manna", the Eucharist, our food for the journey.

Tuesday 3 August ~ Numbers 12:1-13

Our reading is a kind of threat: do not take on those the Lord has appointed.

Matthew 14:22-36

The Gospels as a whole were written in the light of Easter to proclaim the resurrection. This is true of the walking on the water. In this case, we are to understand that the risen, living Lord is with his church always, no matter what storms and tempests we face.

Wednesday 4 August ~ Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35 (St John Vianney)

In the grand story of the Exodus, the Israelites nearly got to the Holy Land immediately, but then meandered around it for forty years. This reading gives one explanation of why.

Matthew 15:21-28

The story of the Canaanite women ("Syrophoenician" in Mark) is found in Matthew and Mark but not in Luke. Probably by the time of Luke the inclusion of non-Jews in the movement was no longer an issue. It may well have been an issue for Matthew's community, aware that Jesus was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. This story "gives permission" to bring the Gospel beyond the frontiers of ethnic Judaism.

Thursday 5 August ~ Numbers 20:1-13 (Dedication of St Mary Major)

Anyone who has experienced the desert will immediately grasp what is at stake: water is life! Anyone who has taken the risk of significant change or journey will also identify with the feeling of looking back and asking "have I done the right thing?" At a deeper level, this is a story of "little faith", a story with a long resonance in the Old Testament (cf. Psalm 95). It triggered a powerful echo in John 7:37-39, where Jesus declares himself to be the source of living water.

Matthew 16:13-23

Our reading today combines the story of Caesarea Philippi (in all three Synoptic gospels) with the special role to Peter (only in Matthew). These are linked: Peter can be the rock to others on account of his own faith. It is likely that the promise to Peter reflects his post-Easter leadership in Antioch, where this Gospel was written.

Friday 6 August ~ Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 (The Transfiguration)

Our reading takes us to the heavenly court. It uses a key phrase: one like a "son of man", used by Jesus about himself. The ending of the reading is very like the ending of Matthew's Gospel: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18)

2 Peter 1:16-19

Is the Christian proclamation just stories or "clever myths"? Emphatically not, according to this reading. Jesus was a real historical person about whom believers hold well-grounded beliefs. The last sentence in the reading is very uplifting: take [prophecy] as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Mark 9:2-10

What kind of experience was the Transfiguration for Jesus and for those present? In Mark's version it was a spiritual experience in which the true identity of Jesus was disclosed and the right response to him indicated: "Listen, to him." This echoes again our human condition: we are hearers of the Word, as Rahner put it.

Saturday 7 August ~ Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (St. Sixtus and Companions, St Cajetan)

Today we hear the great central prayer of Judaism, prayed three times a day.

Matthew 17:14-20

A parent is concerned about a child and turns to the disciples — who fail! Why? The comment of Jesus is for today as well.

August 1, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of July 19-25, 2021

Adults: \$3,750.00

Offertory: \$224.00

Catholic Life: \$30.00

Total: \$4,004.00

June E-gifts: \$1,701.14

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 31 July, 6:30 PM +Johnnie Johnson
(Pat Biebl)

Sunday, 1 August, 10:30 AM +Gary Teadt
(Carol Teadt)

Monday, 2 August, No Mass

Tuesday, 3 August, No Mass

Wednesday, 4 August, 6:30 PM +Patricia Dolan
(Jim & Ann Graham)

Thursday, 5 August, No Mass, Parish Office Closed

Thursday, 5 August, 6:00 PM Sacred Worship
Committee Meeting in the Rectory

Friday, 6 August, 8:00 AM +Letitia Solverson
(Pat Biebl)

Saturday, 7 August, No Confession

Saturday, 7 August, 6:30 PM Angie Dickman
(Bob Dickman)

Sunday, 8 August, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks
(Guy Nicks Family)

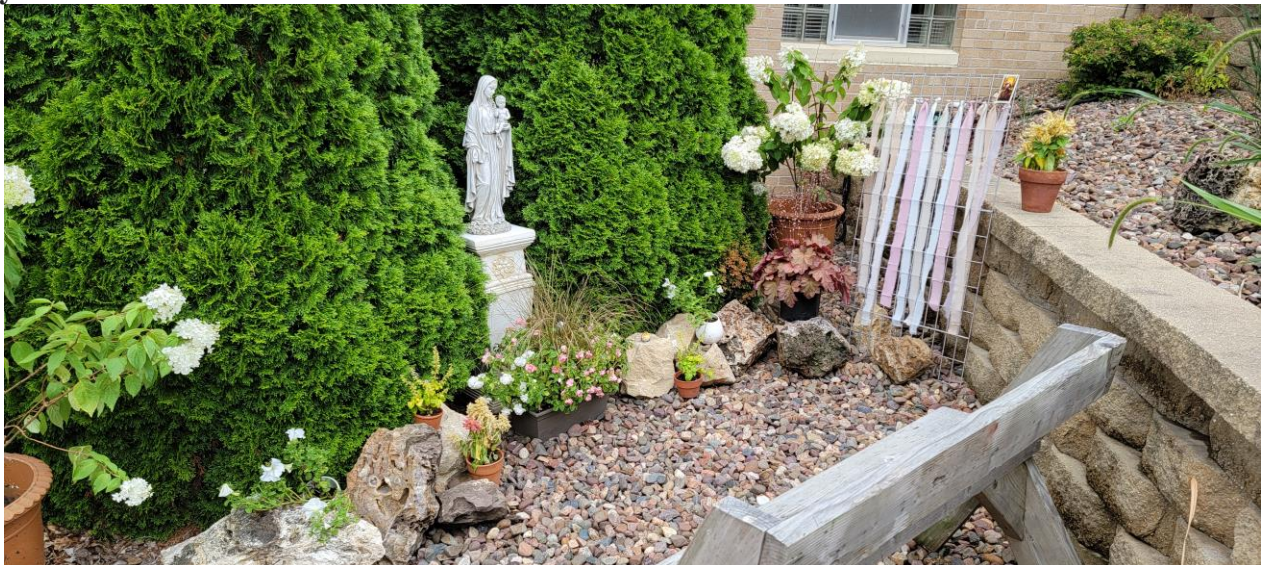
Wednesday, 11 August, PCCW Noon Potluck with Fall
Dinner Planning Meeting to follow

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish's Mission Statement

*As a community of faith, the
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish celebrates the love of
Jesus through sacred worship, religious
education, family life, and social
justice;
we cherish the dignity of each person,
and we aspire to minister to all. We
revere our history, embrace God's
presence among us each day, and walk
hopefully into the future.*

Preparation for the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** has begun. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the planning process. We are happy to pay these coordinators as well. Please contact Joyce Humfeld if interested: (608)634-4059.

Check out our new **Marian Shrine** in the garden near the parish hall entrance. Many thanks to the generous volunteer who offered her time and energy to designing this quiet, beautiful outdoor space for prayer.
Enjoy!




Vernon County ADRC **Al!ve & K!ck!n Tour** – **August 25, at 11 AM**, Westby Performing Arts Center, 206 West Avenue South, Westby, WI. Performance by St. Paul Minnesota theatrical singing group “Alive and Kicking”/sack lunch. Register: 608-637-5201.

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“What is this?”...This is the bread the LORD gives you to eat.” ~ Ex 16:15