

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"Jesus Washing Peter's Feet" by Ford Madox Brown

Father Nee of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

The Marian Hall door will now **be open** on Saturdays and Sundays as well. Grateful that someone made me aware of it. I hope it is a help!

Absentee votes must be phoned or e-mailed to the parish office by **12 AM Tuesday, August 24th**. You must include your name with your votes. Please vote for **5 different persons**.

Fr. Matt

August 22, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1153*

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

Livestreaming Mass

www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua

St. Mary's prerecorded 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

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org; <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua>; Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

Fr. Matthew N. Marshall, Pastor (608) 637-7711; mmarshall@diolclergy.org; for emergencies (608) 738-6806

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August 22, 2021

Pastoral Council Candidates

Gladys Jacobson: The most important element for our parish is communication, whether that be in our bulletins, website or phone calls. Also, to find out what people are willing to do/help with, & become more involved to make our parish flourish.

Joe Willis: Fr. Matt's presence is stabilizing to our community that has endured constant change. He will need the support and assistance of our members. Our parish members need to be strengthened by a church that is consistent, forgiving, and supportive of all stages of spiritual growth. Our most important need is stability.

Michele Halvorson: Strengthening our sense of community among adults, and especially among our youth.

Pat Peterson: Under trusted leadership members can express their faith in a setting where each feels they belong and are respected.

Gale Frie: COVID has lessened our ability to visit as members of a parish family. I would like to see a short monthly newsletter (e.g., prayer requests or news) that could be shared especially with the homebound. It would also have a financial component and could help with long-term planning for our parish.

Phyllis Krause: We have to increase younger parishioners' involvement...Jesus' words come to mind: *come to serve rather than be served.*

Cathy Lund: We need continuity, communication, and community.

Craig Poshepny: Consistent leadership to help lead, guide, and push towards a more active church family.

Cole Hewitt: The purpose of our Parish community should be to love God above all else, and to lead others to Him and His salvation.

Kris Brueggen: We have to find creative ways to engage people and involve them in parish life. This should be a welcoming place for everyone.

Dennis Vinger: My perspective is that we need to get more youth involved and back into our parish. I understand that covid is still wreaking havoc, however, I believe that God will watch over us all of us and so by nursing our individual relationship with our Lord we can safely come back and have God's blessing. Jesus loves the kids and they are the backbone of our future.

Parker Moore: Fellowship, acceptance, and forgiveness. We are all in a little different place spiritually and differences are not bad, just different.

Raven Stevenson: Our parish needs to focus on economic, environmental, and racial justice We do this by seeking our own understanding of these issues. We find this understanding by listening to those who suffer these injustices. Immigrants, the poor, LGBTQ people, native peoples, women, children (born and unborn), and anyone who does not enjoy the ability to simply expect the bountiful privileges of our economy and society.

August 22, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of August 9-15, 2021

Adults: \$2,305.00

Offertory: \$272.00

Assumption: \$527.00

Total: \$3,104.00

July E-gifts: \$1,663.20

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

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.*

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 21 August, 6:30 PM +Letitia Solverson
(Pat Biebl Family)

Sunday, 22 August, 10:30 AM +Joseph Braddock
(Paul O'Rourke)

Monday, 23 August, No Mass

Tuesday, 24 August, No Mass

Wednesday, 25 August, 6:30 PM Diana Alonso
(Diana Hernandez)

Thursday, 26 August, No Mass; Parish Office Closed

Friday, 27 August, 8:00 AM +Lorraine Stalsberg
(Pat Biebl Family)

**Friday, 27 August, 11 AM-1 PM Visitation; 1:00 PM
Funeral Mass for Joseph Biebl, lunch following in
Marian Hall**

Saturday, 28-31 August, Fr. Matt PTO

Saturday, 28 August, No Confessions

Saturday, 28 August, 6:30 PM +Johnnie Johnson
(Veronica Tresner)

**Sunday, 29 August, 10:30 AM Bob & Angie Dickman &
Family**
(Bob & Angie Dickman)

Sunday, 5 September, at 10:30 AM Mass 1st Communions

Very excited about this Pastoral Council election weekend! *I'm reminded of words from Pope Francis:*

"The Bishop has to be among his people in three ways: in front of them, pointing the way; among them, keeping them together and preventing them from being scattered; and behind them, ensuring that no one is left behind, but also, and **primarily, so that the flock itself can sniff out new paths.**" [emphasis mine]

For a parish to be really healthy, more than a pastor is required. More than just attendance at Mass. It's about all our hearts seeking God and seeking each other with love. With attention, and by choice. In a special way, a Pastoral Council "sniffs out" those new paths that Pope Francis talked about. They can't substitute for each of our personal commitments, but lifted up from our own number they have generously promised a special outpouring of their time and energy for our benefit. **We thank our soon to be Pastoral Council members!** *May our love and God's give you strength! May your love help us grow!*

Fr. Matt

Vernon County ADRC **Al!ve & K!ck!n Tour – August 25, at 11 AM, has been POSTPONED until next spring due to COVID concerns.**


The **St. Charles Parish of Genoa Women’s group**, under the direction of Fr. Daniel Sedlacek, will be holding a study this fall on the book, *RETURN, How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church*; author: Brandon Vogt, foreword by Bishop Robt. Barron. Four sessions will begin in September and end in December. The study will be held in St. Charles School cafeteria. If any parishioner is interested in attending, contact Anne Marie Elwing at 608-648-3450 so books can be ordered. (The 4 dates and time will be determined later.)

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