

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



We welcome Father Farrell E. “Mac” McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all 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 priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

The results are in! *Our newly elected Pastoral Council Members are:*

Kris Brueggen
Phyllis Krause
Pat Peterson
Craig Poshepny
Dennis Vinger

Congratulations to our new Council members! I will announce my 3 appointed members of the Council shortly.

Fr. Matt

August 29, 2021

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1156*

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

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Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 30 August - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

St Paul is answering a question of the Thessalonians: when our Lord comes again will those already dead be at a disadvantage? The response uses two kinds of language: apocalyptic and relational. It is likely that the second, relational language will speak more directly to us today.

Luke 4:16-30

Luke expands a simple, historical incident into a great tableau, thus furnishing a key to the whole Gospel, from the proclamation to Jesus through the inclusion of outsiders to his death and resurrection in the Holy City.

Tuesday 31 August - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

The Thessalonians also had a second question: when will the end be? Paul is cautious and uses a series of metaphors: (i) a thief in the night: the second coming is unpredictable; (ii) giving birth: the Lord's coming is inevitable; (iii) helmet and breastplate: how will we prepare. (This verse omitted in the lectionary should be restored—this is always allowed.)

Luke 4:31-37

Following yesterday's *tableau*, Luke shows us Jesus a prophet, powerful in word and deed.

Wednesday 1 September

Colossians 1:1-8

In this opening thanksgiving, we hear something of the life of the church in Colossae, in modern-day Turkey. We learn that Paul was not the teacher of the Colossians, but a certain Epaphras.

Luke 4:38-44

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is held up mainly as a prophet. But his origin in God is not forgotten. It falls to the demons—who know their catechism—to remind us of the deep identity of Jesus.

Thursday 2 September

Colossians 1:9-14

How will the Colossians feel as they hear this passage? It is always a pleasure to know that someone is praying for you.

Luke 5:1-11

The call stories in Mark and Matthew are stripped of all human interest and even psychological probability, leaving the sovereign call of Jesus to stand out. However, in this great story, Luke furnishes us with a *reason* for the "yes" of Peter and the others. Luke also does not want us to leave the miracle in the past; instead he wants to us ask, what experience of Jesus drew me in the first place and what experience of Jesus today keeps me "in" right now?

Friday 3 September - Colossians 1:15-20 (St Gregory the Great)

Today we hear the most famous passage in the letter to the Colossians. It is just amazing that such profound claims are made about a Galilean peasant preacher, executed by the Romans as a criminal, only a short time before.

Luke 5:33-39

The Jesus revolution was also a revolution of received ideas and practices. The great "novelty" of the Gospel—God's untrammelled compassion and eager love—calls for novelty in how we "practice" the faith, even today. Yes, the old is good, but even more so is the new.

Saturday 4 September - Colossians 1:21-23

In this reading, "foreigners and enemies" means really non-Jews or Gentiles. Now that all the Gentiles—including us today—have been included in salvation, a certain way of life is expected of us.

Luke 6:1-5

We could be bold here and ask what were the Pharisees themselves doing in a cornfield anyway on the *Sabbath day*? That would be to miss the point: Jesus has authority, even over the Sabbath—a mighty claim, given that the Sabbath was traced to creation itself and to the Ten Commandments.

August 29, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of August 16-22, 2021

Adults: \$1,390.00

Offertory: \$217.00

Assumption: \$20.00

Total: \$1,627.00

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, 28-31 August, Fr. Matt PTO

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

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

Monday, 30 August, No Mass

Tuesday, 31 August, No Mass

Wednesday, 1 September, 6:30 PM Women of the Parish
(PCCW)

Thursday, 2 September, No Mass; Parish Office Closed

Friday, 3 September, 8:00 AM +Gary Swanson
(Veronica Tresner)

Saturday, 4 September, 10:00 AM Confessions

Saturday, 4 September, 6:30 PM, +Dolores Havlik
(Lucille Krause)

Sunday, 5 September, 10:30 AM +Tamara Effinger
(Pat Effinger)

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

**Monday, 6 September, Parish Office Closed in
observance of Labor Day holiday.**

September 5th will be a fun day here at St. Mary's! At 10:30 Mass several students will make their **1st Communion** from last school year. Nothing special is required, just bring yourselves! I will reserve several rows on each side for your families. We will also give students a blessing as they begin a new school year. **Your children are welcome to bring their book bags with them to Mass for a special prayer. There will be crafts and snacks after Mass. SY '21-'22 here we come!**

Fr. Matt

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever **March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, October 2, 2021!** We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

Are you struggling to pay rent, utilities, and other bills due to the pandemic? **The Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program (WERA) helps qualifying households with up to 12 months assistance** for current and/or overdue payments: rent payments, utility and home energy. How to apply: Couleecap—call 844-267-0033; visit wiscap.org/wera. OR Energy Services, Inc.—call 1-833-900-9372; e-mail support@wera.help.


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“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person...” ~ Mk 7:15