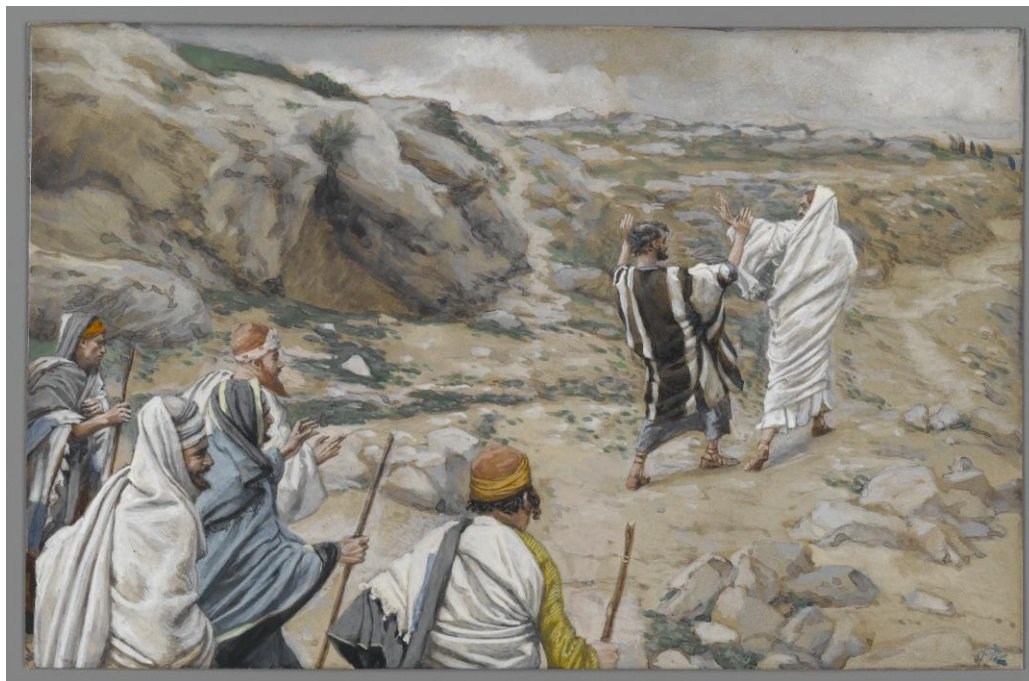


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



James Tissot (French, 1836-1902). *Get Thee Behind Me, Satan (Rétire-toi, Satan)*, 1886-1896

Beginning September 20th, 2021, our parish will no longer receive copies of *Our Sunday Visitor* weekly newspaper. With the great diversity of media resources available about Catholic news I would much rather that parishioners decide for themselves what they would like to read. I think it equally unhelpful either to subscribe on behalf of the parish to resources that I don't think helpful, or to simply subscribe to resources I find helpful, but others may not. As in all things...the choice is yours! If you have questions about Catholic periodicals, you are always welcome to ask my opinions. If you would like financial assistance subscribing to a Catholic resource, please also let me know. **Happy reading!**

This weekend we bless our new Pastoral Council. Please keep in your prayers our Council members. Understand that they are your special representatives in the life and governance of our parish. **A prayer for them, and for all of us:**

*Ever-living God, you gather us together here at St. Mary's to carry the Good News to all people. Bless our Pastoral Council: **Kris Brueggen, Phyllis Krause, Pat Peterson, Craig Poshepny, and Dennis Vinger.** May your Spirit enlighten their minds, guide their actions, and renew their faith. Unite us all in love, and ready us to do your will. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen!***

Fr. Matt

September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings are in the hymnal, #1162

Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

Livestreaming Mass

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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

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Sun. – 9 AM-Noon

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September 12, 2021

Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 13 September ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (St John Chrysostom)

Why should we pray for everyone? Because God *wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth*. And so, we pray for all without distinction.

Luke 7:1-10

The story of the centurion/royal official is in all four Gospels. You may recognise in this appealing story a phrase we have come to use just before Holy Communion.

Tuesday 14 September ~ Numbers 21:4-9 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

This strange, magical story has several layers. One layer is symbolic: snakes stand for life and death; another layer is therapeutic: when we face what harms us we diminish its hold over us. The imagery is taken up explicitly in the Gospel for the feast.

Philippians 2:6-11

You may have wondered where did Paul get all his knowledge and understanding. Partly from already existing traditions. In our reading, he quotes at length an early Christian hymn celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection, the "great events that gave us new life in Christ."

John 3:13-17

In our reading, the notion of "lifting up" looks backwards and forwards. Backwards: to the story we had in the first reading. Forwards, to Jesus' own lifting up in death and into resurrection, so that we might have life in him. By his facing death, we are healed of its power and even of the fear of death itself.

Wednesday 15 September ~ 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (Our Lady of Sorrows)

Today, the writer quotes a brief early Christian hymn about Jesus. Even if the language is fairly oblique, all the essentials are there.

Luke 7:31-35

Some people can be very hard to please—a human reality which emerges clearly in this reading. Rejecting both John the Baptist and Jesus, their ingenuity is a warning for today. We too find ways around faith...

Thursday 16 September ~ 1 Timothy 4:12-16 (St Cornelius and Cyprian)

A young person in ministry can, understandably, feel a bit daunted. Our reading today offers encouragement not to lose heart.

Luke 7:36-50

The irritability of "holy" people is twice registered in this Gospel. Firstly, in the mind of the Pharisee, someone holy like Jesus ought not to allow anyone so obviously "unholy" to touch him. The parable offered is hardly rocket science! The discussion which follows draws out the blindingly obvious. But things get worse: Jesus pronounces forgiveness, which leads to even greater "holy" consternation.

Friday 17 September ~ 1 Timothy 6:2-12 (St Hildegard of Bingen)

Even in those days, believers could go off the rails, led by leaders interested only in money. Our reading, in response, is both ironic and clear.

Luke 8:1-3

Women were important in Jesus' ministry as well as in the very first generations of Christians. Today we get a rare view of the circle closest to Jesus, answering our very practical question of how did they all manage? With a lot of hidden help, apparently.

Saturday 18 September ~ 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Our final excerpt from 1 Timothy is an exhortation to live a life in accordance with our convictions. The writer includes a hymn, looking forward to the final judgment and celebrating the mystery of God.

Luke 8:4-15

Today we are offered the parable of the sower and an early interpretation. Scholars of the Bible link the interpretation to the early church rather than to Jesus, because the focus is different. In the parable, the centre is sheer, astonishing abundance. In the applied interpretation the centre is on the hearer's reaction to the word of God. We can choose to reflect on the gift or on our reception of the gift...or both!

September 12, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of August 23-29, 2021

Adults: \$3,615.00

Offertory: \$399.00

Total: \$4,014.00

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

**At Saturday & Sunday Masses - Commissioning of New
Pastoral Council!**

Saturday, 11 September, 6:30 PM +Dick Effinger
(Pat Effinger)

Sunday, 12 September, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks
(Guy Nicks Family)

Monday, 13 September, No Mass

**Monday, 13 September, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Friends of
VMH in Marian Hall**

Tuesday, 14 September, No Mass

Yom Kippur, September 15-16: Pray for a beautiful holy
day for our Jewish brothers and sisters!

**Wednesday, 15 September, 6:30 PM +Anton & Martha
Dickman**
(Bob & Angie Dickman)

Thursday, 16 September, No Mass; Parish Office Closed

**Friday, 17 September, 8:00 AM +Viroqua Parishioners
Members of Catholic Order of Foresters Living
& Deceased**
(Catholic Order of Foresters)

Saturday, 18 September, 10:00 AM Confessions

Saturday, 18 September, 6:30 PM Women of the Parish
(PCCW)

Sunday, 19 September, 10:30 AM +Diana Hemmersbach
(Angie Leis)

You are invited to "Sing a new song!" The **choir will begin singing again starting September 26th for the 10:30 Mass.** Rehearsals happen at 9:15 as we prepare for Mass and anyone grade 6 - Adult is invited to join in the fun! Hope you can come.

We are looking for teachers for our Religious Education (RE) program at this time. If we don't have enough volunteers, then parents will simply have to teach from home this year. Teachers are welcome to express a preference in grade but may be asked to teach a different class. We will be using textbooks so teachers don't need to recreate the wheel. Two adults must be present in the classroom at all times. If a teacher is teaching alone, they must have another parent present to chaperone. A solo teacher is paid \$50 per class. Team teachers are paid \$30/person per class. Teachers for 1st Communicants and Confirmation students are paid \$60 or \$35 per class. Teachers must complete Safe Environment training and paperwork before classes can start. There are NO fees for RE this year. **Interested teachers should contact Fr. Matt ASAP: mmarshall@diolclergy.org OR (608) 738-6806.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
May the Lord give you peace.


The restoration of the Cathedral of St. Joseph is progressing well, and it is anticipated that the work will reach completion this Fall. I hope that you have taken an opportunity to view the Cathedral's website where they have provided updates on the construction, as well as live construction cams, allowing all to join in the excitement of bringing our Cathedral back to its glory. This work could never have been recognized had it not been for the support of all of you. The Christ Our Cornerstone campaign kicked off with a target goal of \$6.1M in January 2021 and I am extremely pleased to share that 143 parishes participated, with over 2200 donors, reaching the target goal. I extend my sincere appreciation to all who carried out this work through your participation, pledge payments and prayers. It is through the generosity of the faithful that we have been able to preserve our beloved Mother Church for generations to come. I ask that you take a moment and watch this video message - <https://vimeo.com/588061083> - **Bishop Callahan**

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