

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

**September 26, 2021**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1168*

### Eucharist

**Saturdays - 6:30 PM**

**Sundays - 10:30 AM**

**Wednesdays - 6:30 PM**

**Fridays - 8:00 AM**

### Livestreaming Mass

[www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua](http://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

by appointment or in the church  
library (*see Church Calendar on  
page 3*)

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays after Mass  
Benediction at 10 AM

### Giving:

Phone app –

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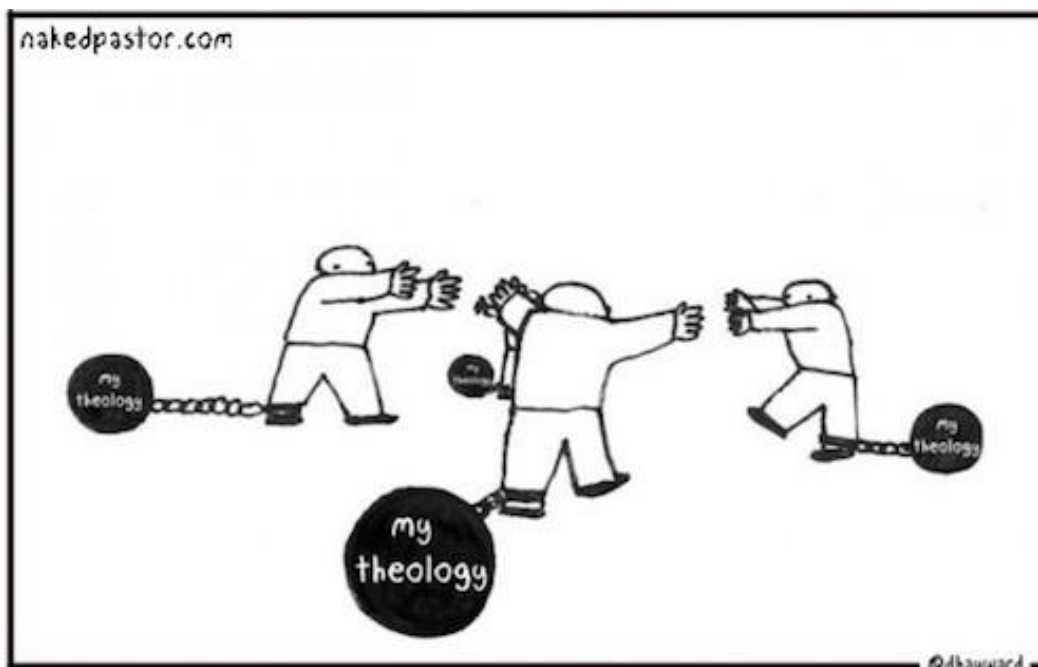
<https://diolc.org/annunciation-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-parish-viroqua/>

### Parish Office & Church:

OPEN: MTuWF – 8 AM-4 PM

Sat. – 9 AM-8 PM

Sun. – 9 AM-Noon



*"Theology Balls and Chains" by David Hayward*

**Blest Art will be at Masses next weekend of October 2nd - 3rd.** Blest Art's work brings you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond your borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. It is more than a hand-out as a collection plate would be, it is a hand-up for the Christians who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.

Fr. Matt needs to have the batteries changed in his defibrillator. He has a pre-op appointment with his doctor on October 7th. He will have a surgery sometime shortly after that. Fr. Matt will be out of office Monday - Friday in an up-and-coming week. More info soon.

*Fr. Matt*

The fall dinner is October 20<sup>th</sup>, and everyone's help is needed to make this happen. **Sign up sheets are in the atrium.** Thank you!

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

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## Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

### **Mon 27 Sept** ~ *Zechariah 8:1-8 (St Vincent de Paul)*

In the time after the Exile, people needed encouragement. Zechariah's idyllic portrait may have kept them going. We today need such encouragement: If this seemed a miracle to the remnant of that people (in those days), will it seem one to me?

*Matthew 18:1-5, 10*

The reading is special for the feast, chosen because it mentions the guardian angels, symbols of God's protecting providence

### **Tues 28 Sept** ~ *Zechariah 8:20-23 (St Wenceslaus)*

Zechariah offers us a delightful portrait of faithful Jews attracting others to God. This is our calling as well today.

*Luke 9:51-56*

As Luke presents the story of Jesus, today's reading represents a turning point in the story. Begins here in 9:51 and reaches a climax fully nine chapters later in 19:41. Luke uses this journey to bring together extensive and profound teaching on discipleship.

### **Wed 29 Sept** ~ *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)*

Daniel has a vision of the heavenly throne, including angels. The passage is very important for understanding Jesus' use of the expression "Son of Man."

*John 1:47-51*

Two important hints are buried in this reading. Firstly, in rabbinic tradition, the tree of knowledge was understood to have been a fig tree (being the first species mentioned). In a transferred sense, sitting "under a fig tree" meant reading the Torah, that is, already on the spiritual quest. The heavens opened with the angels ascending and descending evokes Jacob's ladder in Genesis 28:10-19. Jacob recurs in John 2-4, perhaps a later echo of restoration of Israel (= Jacob) going back to Jesus.

### **Thurs 30 Sept** ~ *Nehemiah 8:1-12 (St Jerome)*

This scene is a very famous moment of reconsecration and renewal. Notice that Ezra gives the sense in Aramaic, evidently because the ordinary people no longer understood Hebrew.

*Luke 10:1-12*

The sending of the seventy(-two) is nowhere else reported in the Gospels, being unique to Luke. It is often thought to be an anticipation of the sending to the Gentiles, the second mission, in the Acts of the Apostles. In any case, it is not too different from the sending of the Twelve, also empowered to do *exactly what Jesus himself did*.

### **Fri 1 Oct** ~ *Baruch 1:15-22 (St Thérèse of Lisieux)*

(Baruch purports to be written at the time of the Exile by Jeremiah's secretary. However, most scholars believe it was written in the second century BC.) Our reading today reflects back on the catastrophe of the Exile in Babylon. Consistent with other prophets, the people must take part the blame, even if outside forces—such as the mighty Babylonian Empire—were decisive. Something similar might be said about the church's reaction to recent crises: there are indeed outside forces but also internal culpability.

*Luke 10:13-16*

Jesus—in full prophetic mode—utters a sharp condemnation to some towns, because they failed to recognise the time of salvation. Rather than leave it safely in the past, we could ask, what would Jesus say today to us?

### **Saturday 2 October** ~ *Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 (Guardian Angels)*

There are two voices in this reading. At the start and at the finish, God speaks encouragingly to Israel. In the middle, Jerusalem addresses her neighbours. Again, a degree of responsibility is openly accepted.

*Luke 10:17-24*

The Seventy-two return rejoicing. More important is the prayer of Jesus, an exclamation of praise, which sounds like it might come from John's Gospel. The relationship may be the other way around: this "Johannine" moment may have given rise to the distinctive vocabulary of the Fourth Gospel.

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Week of September 13-19, 2021

Adults: \$1,913.00

Offertory: \$224.00

Catholic Life: \$8.00

Total: \$2,145.00

August E-gifts: \$1,419.06

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, 25 September, 6:30 PM +Deceased Friends**  
(Pat Biebl)

**Sunday, 26 September, 10:30 AM +Reinie Leis**  
(Angie Leis)

**Monday, 27 September, No Mass**

**Tuesday, 28 September, No Mass**

**Wednesday, 29 September, 6:30 PM +Mary Sue Ludwig**  
(John Leahy Family)

**Thursday, 30 September, No Mass; Parish Office Closed**

**Friday, 1 October, 8:00 AM Women of the Parish**  
(PCCW)

**Saturday, 2 October, No Confessions**

**Saturday, 2 October, 6:30 PM +Herman & Margrat  
Brueggen**  
(Bob & Angie Dickman)

**Sunday, 3 October, 10:30 AM +Helen Cina**  
(Angie Cina)

**Thursday, 7 October, 6:00 PM, Liturgy Committee  
Meeting, Church Library**

## **The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a Service Commission SHARESHOP!**

Come on Saturday, October 16, beginning with 8:00 am Mass ending at 3:45 pm. We have two speakers, a tour of the Cathedral, sharing Deanery ministries, Adoration, lunch--and time to be together! The day is free, but you are asked to RSVP your lunch count by October 13th to: [secretary@ldccw.org](mailto:secretary@ldccw.org) or call Candace at 608-647-0400. All details are on our website at [ldccw.org](http://ldccw.org)

**Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan** Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: "**Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body.**" Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit [diolc.org/gospeloflife](http://diolc.org/gospeloflife).

**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. Younger students will have RE on Sunday mornings, older students Wednesday evenings. 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](mailto:mmarshall@diolclergy.org) OR (608) 738-6806.

*Fr. Matt*

**The La Crosse Life Chain – Sunday, October 3, 2021, 2:00-3:00 PM.** Losey Boulevard at La Crosse Street. For more information, call 608-781-1779.

**Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale, and Quilt Raffle - Sunday, October 10, 2021,** at St. Mary’s Parish, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI. Serving from 7:30 a.m. to noon! Ages 11 and up only \$8, Children 6-10 only \$4, and 5 and under Free! Break your fast with us for all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, and a beverage; take your chance on a beautiful quilt; and purchase some goodies to take home. Dine in or carry out!

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“Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” ~ Nm 11:29