

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"Cura surdo mudo", 5th century

Congratulations to our three 1st Communicants: Violet Bailey, Kayden Lottig, and Willa Schmidt! We love you and are proud of you! We pray that you will always feel right at home whenever you celebrate Eucharist.

Happy Labor Day! We pray especially for those who cannot find rest in their lives and work. **Lord, help us to realize that not everything depends on ourselves. Help us to realize that we also can't dump everything on someone else. We are made to work together, with you and each other. You invite us to work with you...you also invite us to rest. Because you love us and value us for more than just what we do!**

Fr. Matt

"I address a heartfelt appeal that the logic of profit not prevail, but rather that of solidarity and justice. At the center of every situation, especially work-related, should be the person and his or her dignity: that is why employment is a matter of justice, and it is an injustice not to have work! When people do not earn their bread, they lose their dignity! And this is the drama of our times, especially for young people, who, without work, have no prospects in their future and can so easily become prey to criminal organizations. Please, let us fight for this: the justice of work."

- Pope Francis

September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings are in the hymnal, #1159

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 6 September - *Colossians 1:24-2:3*

There are two portraits embedded in this reading: that of the apostle and that of the hearers. We are those hearers, so we too are portrayed therein.

Luke 6:6-11

At the time, the issue was the Sabbath, when work was forbidden. Be careful not to leave this passage safely in the past: the exaltation of human tradition over human well being, regulation over salvation, has not gone away, you know.

Tuesday 7 September - *Colossians 2:6-15*

The background to the reading must be (1) some kind of philosophy (probably some kind of *Gnosticism*) and (2) a group imposing traditional Jewish practices. The writer is not lacking in directness!

Luke 6:12-19

Perhaps not many will choose the long form of this reading (the short version even drops v. 17!). There are benefits, however. From the fractured stories of generations comes Jesus, who is able to help us precisely because he is one of us.

Wednesday 8 September - *Micah 5:1-4 (Birthday of Mary)*

This is a delightful reading for the feast and invites meditation on all God has done for us in Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Blessed Virgin.

Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Perhaps not many will choose the long form of this reading (the short version even drops v. 17!). There are benefits, however. From the fractured stories of generations comes Jesus, who is able to help us precisely because he is one of us.

Thursday 9 September - *Colossians 3:12-17*

Today we hear a thrilling reading. How are we to live as Christians? How are we to grow as Christians? This short reading may give us new energy.

Luke 6:27-38

Here we touch the core teaching of Jesus as he invites us to love our enemies. The special word of love in the New Testament—*agapē*—means attending to the well-being of the other without any expected of return or reward. Such simplicity, such goodness of heart is both a gift (a grace) and the fruit of conversion of life.

Friday 10 September - *1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14 (St Peter Claver)*

Starting today and for all of next week, we read from 1 Timothy. This letter is often—not always—regarded as Deuteropauline, that is, within the Pauline tradition, not by the apostle himself, reflecting later conditions and questions. Today, we hear a late reflection on that great event, the conversion of St Paul. As you will hear, the language is not really that of the apostle himself.

Luke 6:39-42

Any DIY carpenters listening will see the point—as did Jesus himself, the carpenter. The exaggeration of plank (!) is both humorous and in deadly earnest.

Saturday 11 September - *1 Timothy 1:15-17*

Even if only in the names of Paul, this reading uses Paul's experience to make plain again the offer of salvation to all without distinction. The whole purpose of Jesus was not to condemn but rather to save.

Luke 6:43-49

Today, any farmers or gardeners will get the point without difficulty. The second illustration from building calls for a little background. Originally, it referred to a *wadi*, a dry river bed, in the Middle East. Such river beds are subject to flash floods which sweep everything before them. To build on rock means safely, away from the potential flood. To build on soil means to build in the most risky, not to say foolish, location. Luke has adjusted the story to other buildings conditions and so instead of sand we have without foundations.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of August 23-29, 2021

Adults: \$1,965.00

Offertory: \$256.00

Total: \$2,221.00

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, 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, **No Mass; Parish Office Closed in
observance of Labor Day holiday.**

Tuesday, 7 September, **No Mass**

Wednesday, 8 September, 6:30 PM **For the protection of
all human life from conception to death**
(Anonymous)

Thursday, 9 September, **No Mass; Parish Office Closed**

Friday, 10 September, 8:00 AM +**Ray Armstrong**
(Pat Biebl)

Saturday, 11 September, 10:00 AM **Confessions**

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

Our Pastoral Council still has room for 3 members appointed directly by the Pastor. Fr. Matt is still sorting through that. As new appointed members arrive, updates will be given via the Bulletin and website.

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.

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Mac on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

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**

Automatic Transfer for contributions to St. Mary's is available. Pick up a form in the atrium and contact the parish office as to when it will start, from which bank, etc.

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

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“He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” ~ Mk 7:37