

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



*"Transfiguration" by Marvin Messing*

Our Parish Family wishes to congratulate Wyman and Carol Cade on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – September 16<sup>th</sup> AND Tom and Joyce Dolan on their 60<sup>th</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to bless you.

Fr. Matt's heart surgery has been delayed because his battery is lasting longer than anticipated and there are other folks who more urgently need to get in. He **will have surgery Monday, November 1st**. He will be out of office recovering through Friday that week.

**October 10, 2021**

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

*Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1174*

**Eucharist**

**Saturdays - 6:30 PM**

**Sundays - 10:30 AM**

**Wednesdays - 6:30 PM**

**Fridays - 8:00 AM**

**Livestreaming Mass**

[www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua](https://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 –

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new](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](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

### **Monday 11 October** ~ (St John XXIII)

For the next four weeks, we read from Romans, a great Christian document, difficult yet rewarding. It is a real letter written to real Christians in Rome. It appears that the Roman house churches were divided along the lines of Jews (who keep the ritual Law) and Gentiles (who felt free to ignore it). Over the next four weeks, it would be good to read through all of Romans to get the full picture.

*Romans 1:1-7*

Paul wrote to Christians in Rome because they were in conflict with each other over how much of Jewish tradition to keep. The opening greeting is enriched with a careful account of the core convictions of the faith.

*Luke 11:29-32*

In Luke's Gospel, the foundational portrait of Jesus is that of a prophet, one who speaks on behalf of God a penetrating word. Asking for a sign is to doubt that the prophet comes from God. Jesus, in this passage, has a robust self-understanding, ending in a challenge for us today as well.

### **Tuesday 12 October** ~ *Romans 1:16-25*

Paul is writing to Gentiles and Jews who have become Christians. He starts by reminding the Gentiles where they came from: idolatry and immorality. No doubt they felt uncomfortable being reminded of their past!

*Luke 11:37-41*

Lest we sit back in satisfaction, it may help to recall that all religious activity tends towards prizing externals, a reality today as much in the life of Jesus. What lies at the heart of religion? Jesus gives a direct answer in today's Gospel.

### **Thursday 14 October** ~ *Romans 3:21-30* (St Callistus I)

Today we hear one of the most difficult passages in Paul. In a word: Jesus' own faithfulness discloses the faithfulness of God. I would recommend a better translation for these key verses, such as the NET Bible (available at [www.bible.org](http://www.bible.org)).

*Luke 11:47-54*

Prophets are often blunt, and none blunter than Jesus himself. He does speak offensively and you can see why the officials of the day were offended and why he roused opposition, proving eventually to be lethal.

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We are also in need of **a person or two to direct decoration at our church**. In the past this work was always done by one or more volunteers. We are able to pay for this needed help though too. Please give our church office a call (608-637-7711) if you are interested or know of someone with decorating skills whom you would recommend. Our decorator(s) need not be Catholic, but familiarity with the Christian tradition would be helpful. Thank you!

**Next weekend, October 16 - 17 the Sacrament of Anointing will be offered at Masses.** The Sacrament is available for anyone seeking healing in body, mind, or spirit. People of any age are welcome to come up for the Anointing. Directions will be offered during Mass.

**Sunday November 14th, our 10:30 celebration will be a Children's Mass.** Sign-ups for the various helpers are in the Atrium this weekend.

**Come and see Fr. Matt's new office space** across the hall from Fran. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare such a beautiful space, especially Diana Hernandez our parish custodian.

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Week of Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2021  
Adults: \$3,232.50  
Offertory: \$269.00  
All Saints: \$20.00  
Total: \$3,521.50  
August E-gifts: \$1,419.06  
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## ***Ministry Schedule***

### **Sat. Oct. 16, 6:30 PM**

Anthony Shay	Eucharistic Minister - Host
Seth Kiedinger	Altar Server
NOT FILLED	Altar Server
Dennis Vinger	Lector

### **Sun. Oct. 17, 10:30 AM**

Pat Oberberger	Eucharistic Minister – Host
Elizabeth Von Ruden	Altar Server
Breyer Bothe	Altar Server
Lisa Von Ruden	Lector

If not able to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you!

## **MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Saturday, 9 October, 6:30 PM +Mary Sue Ludwig**  
(John Leahy Family)

**Sunday, 10 October, 10:30 PM +Guy Nicks**  
(Guy Nicks Family)

**October 11-12: Fall clergy meetings in La Crosse**  
**Wednesday, 13 October, 6:30 PM Parish Council of**  
**Catholic Women**  
(PCCW)

**Thursday, 14 Thursday, No Mass; Parish Office Closed**

**Friday, 15 October, 8:00 AM +Sarah DeWitt**  
(Veronica Tresner)

**Saturday, 16 October, No Confessions**

**October 16-17: Sacrament of Anointing Offered at**  
**Masses**

**Saturday, 16 October, 6:30 PM +Bill Chart**  
(Pat Biebl)

**Sunday, 17 October, 10:30 AM +Storey Meyer & Kim**  
**Meyer**  
(Leon & Joan Meyer)

**October 18-22: Fran has PTO; Parish Office Closed**  
**Church Open for services & by appointment**  
**November 1-5: Fr. Matt PTO for his heart surgery**

## ***Pastoral Council Members***

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Our Pastoral Council is here to serve. Working with our Pastor they help us discern the needs of our community and the call of the Spirit in our time. **Please feel free to contact them** or Father Matt with your concerns.

**The Quilt Raffle tickets are here!** Someone will be in the atrium handing them out. We are asking each family to take a book and either buy them or try to sell them. Please put the ticket stubs and money in an envelope and either drop them in the collection or hand them to the person who is standing in the atrium or turn them in the night of the dinner by 6:30 PM. Thank you for your support!



**October 16th from 1 - 7 PM there will be a Dia de los Muertos celebration** at Keewaydin Farms (15270 Haucke Ln., Viola) It is an outdoor, free event from the Mexican culture in honor of loved ones who have passed away. Will include traditional arts and food, dancing, educational workshops, dinner, and a time for sharing of stories. [www.folkartcollective.com/events]

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*“Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said...” ~ Mk 10:21*