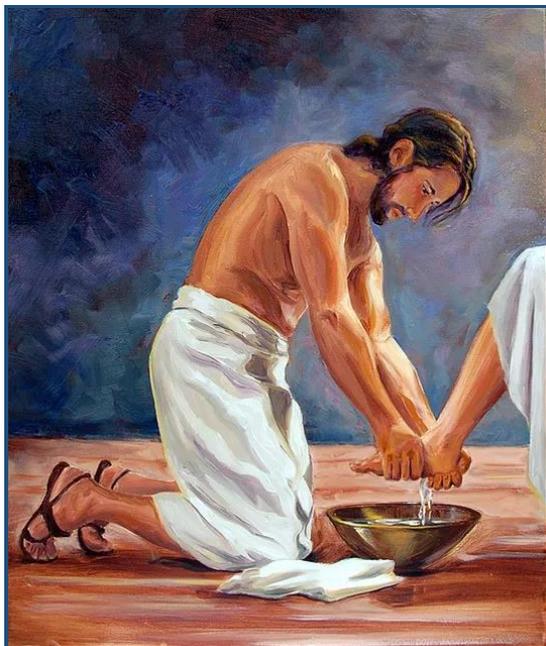


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"Christ the Servant" by Laura Bates

Fall is without a doubt my favorite time of the year. It really seemed to fire off this week! That cool, spiced air washing over my head (hair receding) and my feet (still sandling). Fire off says it right, too! What colors! They are just begun, but the unstoppable cascade of reds, yellows, and oranges are slowly exploding against skies turned to steel. Why do I like it so much? Why do you? 'Cause we really do like this season on the whole, don't we? It opens up a veritable feast of warm, stick-to-the-ribs foods. It is marked by the cultural liturgies of Halloween and Thanksgiving, in equal parts mysterious and comforting. This time of the year brings warm clothes, candles, pumpkins, pies, hot drinks, scary movies, and fog. What do I like so much about this time of the year? Why is it holy to me? Well, I think I finally found expression for it in my favorite book, recently re-read, *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury. About this season he wrote:

*...it let a man drowse easy in the falling leaves like the boys in autumn
who, comfortably strewn in the dry stacks,
are content to be a part of the death of the world . . .*

Ah! That's it, I think. This time of the year reminds me of what the Cross of Jesus boldly states in a human body. That when things are dying, there's still life. When things are falling apart, they can still be beautiful. And when things are old, they have only just begun. Now some words from Francis fill my mind:

*...it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen. Amen.

No bulletin the weekend of October 23-24.

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October 17, 2021

**29th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1177*

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

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

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

October 17, 2021

Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Mon 18 Oct ~ 2 Tm 4:10-17 (St Luke)

The reading is chosen for the feast because it mentions a certain "Luke." This is unlike to be the same as the writer of the Gospel and Acts. However, the reading shows wavering support for the apostle or, in reality, for those sustaining the Pauline tradition in a later context.

Lk 10:1-9

The sending of the seventy-two—unique to Luke and anticipating the wider mission in the Acts—portrays a picture of fleet-footed evangelisers, who travel lightly and without hindrance.

Tues 19 Oct ~ Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21 (Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions)

In trying to reconcile Gentiles and Jews in the Roman churches, Paul wants to show that every human being, no matter what background etc., stands in need of God's grace in Christ. Symbolically, Adam's story is our story.

Lk 12:36-38

Parables of watchfulness are not uncommon but this one contains a major role reversal: the master will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on his own slaves. The story of the washing of the feet in John's Gospel comes to mind as does another sentence from Jesus: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45).

Wed 20 Oct ~ Rom 6:12-18

As always, Paul's message is one of freedom. Being set free in Christ, he insists that we continue to be free from whatever keeps us from God.

Lk 12:39-48

The gentle Luke is not always as gentle as we fondly imagine. Today's reading moves smoothly from night-time burglary to keeping watch. The violent and brutal imagery (cut off, strokes of the lash) is indeed arresting: Luke wants to wake up us to action.

Thurs 21 Oct ~ Rom 6:19-23

Paul often brings up the contrast between how we used to be and how we are now in Christ. What is the point of persistence? God's gift of eternal life in Christ.

Lk 12:49-53

Fire is a cultural image for judgement. By contrast, baptism can be a metaphor for destiny only in light of Christian tradition. With these contrasting images of judgement and death, Jesus links his own fate with his mission from God. The second paragraph reflects what happened to people who made (and make) a radical choice for Jesus. The social and familial cost was and still can be considerable.

Fri 22 Oct ~ Rom 7:18-25 (St John Paul II)

We know a lot about Paul because he himself tells us a great deal. In today's reading, we get really under his skin in some very honest reflections. Our experience is in there somewhere too!

Lk 12:54-59

What has the weather to do with going to court? The two sets of parabolic sayings may seem disparate but in reality are related. The link is time and the good use of time in the now. Interpreting the times is the duty of us all; acting on that interpretation is the call of us all.

Sat 23 Oct ~ Rom 8:1-11 (St John of Capistrano)

How can we ever come to true inner peace? How can we become our true selves as God intended? Paul describes the path, using a language which is his, but based on an experience which is ours.

Lk 13:1-9

Bad things happen to good people, then and now. Coping with the unpredictable invites repentance, but not in the sense of sorrow for sin. Rather, metanoia is better rendered "conversion", i.e., a fundamental change of attitude to life, to God and to others, a real turn around. The fig tree is rich in metaphorical resonance from the book of Genesis onwards. In the Gospels, it often bears the message of judgement, as in the cursing of the fig tree. That prophetic action is not recounted in Luke and instead we have a very different story of yet another chance. Luke is telling us to dig around, get manure, create the conditions for bearing fruit...otherwise!

October 17, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of October 4-10, 2021
Adults: \$2,270.00
Offertory: \$254.95
Mission Sunday: \$50.00
Total: \$2,574.95
September E-gifts: \$2,121.76
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Oct. 23, 6:30 PM

Veronica Tresner	Eucharistic Minister - Host
Reid Fisher	Altar Server
Lane Fisher	Altar Server
Amy Matthes	Lector

Sun. Oct. 24, 10:30 AM

Bob Seifert	Eucharistic Minister – Host
Sasha Scoville	Altar Server
Royce Scoville	Altar Server
Sara Hewitt	Lector

Sat. Oct. 30, 6:30 PM

Gladys Jacobson	Eucharistic Minister - Host
Reid Fisher	Altar Server
Lane Fisher	Altar Server
Sheryl Robinson	Lector

Sun. Oct. 31, 10:30 AM

Pat Oberberger	Eucharistic Minister – Host
Nettle Stevenson	Altar Server
Reuben Stevenson	Altar Server
Dale Pertzborn	Lector

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

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

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 PTO; Parish Office Closed
Church Open for services & by appointment

Wednesday, 20 October, 4:00-7:00 PM Fall Dinner

Wednesday, 20 October, 6:30 PM +Deceased Members of Peter Spaeth Family
(Peter Spaeth Family)

Thursday, 21 October, 6:00-7:30 PM Finance Council Meeting in Marian Hall

Friday, 22 October, 8:00 AM +Sarah DeWitt
(DeWitt Family)

Saturday, 23 October, No Confessions

Saturday, 23 October, 2:00 PM Harold/Hawthorne Wedding

Saturday, 23 October, 6:30 PM +Alice Zurowski
(Pat Biebl)

Sunday, 24 October, 10:30 AM +Gary Teadt
(Carol Teadt)

Wednesday, 27 October, 6:30 PM Viroqua Parishioner Members of Catholic Order of Foresters Living & Deceased
(Catholic Order of Foresters)

Friday, 29 October, 8:00 AM Women of the Parish
(PCCW)

Saturday, 30 October, No Confessions

Saturday, 30 October, 6:30 PM +Sarah DeWitt
(Quilters of the Parish)

Sunday, 31 October, 10:30 AM +Tony Spaeth
(Pat Spaeth Family)

November 1-5: Fr. Matt PTO for his heart surgery

Tuesday, 2 November, 5:15 PM All Souls Day Prayer Service

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

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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.

We are 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!

Door of Hope is looking for a representative from our parish. They are a crisis pregnancy center in Viroqua. Please let Fr. Matt know if you are interested in representing our parish during their meetings.

Authentic Mexican Dinner – Sunday, October 24th; drive-thru pickup 4:30-6:00 PM; \$12.50. Viroqua United Methodist Church, 221 S. Center Street, Viroqua.

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