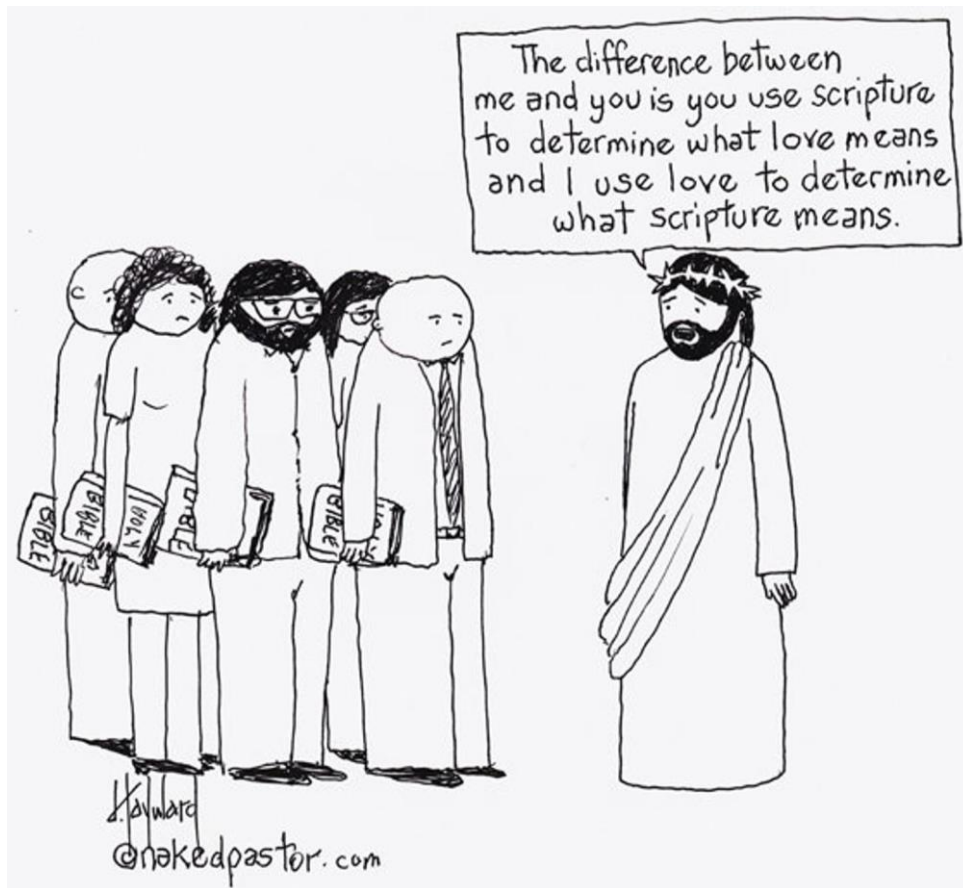


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"Love Versus the Bible" by David Hayward

We extend sympathy to the family of Angeline 'Angie' Nora Dickman, who died on September 26, 2021. Her funeral was held here at St. Mary's on September 30th. May she rest in peace.

Last Sunday Tulsa Vesbach was welcomed into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Tulsa is the daughter of Phillip and Destinee (Welsh) Vesbach. Welcome to this community of Faith!

A Blessing for Pets & Animals

O sweet Maker of all, we bless you for N.

You gave us him/her as a gift, make us a gift in return!

May we learn from N.'s wisdom, innocence, and faithful love.

Thank you for the joy and laughter he/she brings to our lives.

Thank you for his/her friendship in lonely or sad times.

May our lives praise you like N. does, and together may we live in your peace!

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[end prayer with a sign of love for your pet: e.g., a kiss, pat, hug,
or sign of the Cross]

October 3, 2021

**27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1171*

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

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October 3, 2021

Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Jonah is a novella, not a historical writing. was most likely written at the time after the Exile when the leaders—such as Ezra and Nehemiah—wanted to limit God's love to the nation of Israel. Jonah is against such narrow nationalism—a necessary voice today. Given that the book is short and actually entertaining, why not read it all this week?

Monday 4 October ~ *Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11 (St Francis of Assisi)*

This reading sets up the opening story of the very reluctant prophet Jonah, but God “nets” him at the end.

Luke 10:25-37

The teaching of this passage is very clear and needs almost no comment. The mention of the Samaritan—traditionally despised—creates an intentional shock. To recreate the sense of shock, we need to explore our own prejudices. Is there anyone in our society of whom we would *not* expect such goodness?

Tuesday 5 October

Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah is called a second time and proclaims God's word among the people of Nineveh, who are non-Jews. To his surprise (and chagrin), they listen to him! Even the cows do penance—part of the witty exaggeration of the book. Bovine sins do not feature elsewhere in the Bible.

Luke 10:38-42

Balancing life and prayer, the active and the contemplative, is always a challenge. Years ago, Archbishop Temple noted that it is not that action matters and prayer helps, but rather that prayer matters and action is its test. In this way, he moves away from the tempting either/or towards a more integrated approach.

Wednesday 6 October ~ *Jonah 4:1-11 (St Bruno)*

Jonah is very disappointed because his preaching is successful (!) and he gets to see no fireworks against Nineveh. God's outreach beyond the confines of Israel is exactly the point of the book, which ends with a great question from God.

Luke 11:1-4

The Lord's Prayer arises in Matthew and Luke. Luke's setting is much more realistic and may touch our own need to be taught how to pray. The prayer is also briefer and may be close to the original. Lord, teach us to pray!

Thursday 7 October ~ *Malachi 3:13-20 (Our Lady of the Rosary)*

Our reading reflects on a question we all feel from time to time: what's the point in believing, seeing that evil does evidently prosper?

Luke 11:5-13

There's a double teaching here, a kind of marvelous tension between persistence / resistance and the natural desire to give what is good to you children.

Friday 8 October

The book of the prophet Joel comes from the post-Exilic period, some time around 445-353 BC. It is usually regarded as a late book because of its cross-references to other books and on account of its complex eschatology.

Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2

This reading sounds more like something for Ash Wednesday: it is a clarion call to repentance, to a change of heart and of life.

Luke 11:15-26

It still shocks us that some people attributed Jesus' powers to the spirit of evil. There is, however, a kind of logic: if not from God, then from where? Jesus' own logic is irrefutable: even evil cannot be self-destructive!

Saturday 9 October ~ *Joel 4:12-21 (St John Henry Newman)*

You might sometimes wonder where our images regarding the end of time come from. This reading is the source of much of it—a bit scary, but at the same time “the Lord will be a shelter for his people”. The reading closes on a positive note.

Luke 11:27-28

This is an unexpected story, given the substantial profile of the mother of Jesus in Luke 1-2. The unknown woman utters a beatitude, an acclamation of blessing. Jesus, in his reply, gives an *a fortiori* response, profiling the hearing and keeping of the word of God.

October 3, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of September 20-26, 2021
Adults: \$2,618.00
Offertory: \$669.00
Mission Sunday: \$15.00
All Saints: \$15.00
Total: \$3,317.00
August E-gifts: \$1,419.06
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Oct. 9, 6:30 PM

Jacque Shat	Eucharistic Minister - Host
Reid Fisher	Altar Server
Lane Fisher	Altar Server
Paul O'Rourke	Lector

Sun. Oct. 10, 10:30 AM

Al Mislivecek	Eucharistic Minister – Host
Katrina Beach	Altar Server
Rosa Beach	Altar Server
Stephen Lambert	Lector

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

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 2 October, 6:30 PM +Herman & Margrat Brueggen

(Bob Dickman)

Sunday, 3 October, 10:30 AM +Helen Cina

(Angie Cina)

Wednesday, 6 October, 6:30 PM Viroqua Parish

Members of Catholic Order of Foresters both Living & Dead

(Catholic Order of Foresters)

Wednesday, 6 October, 7-8:30 PM Parish Council

Meeting in Marian Hall

Thursday, 7 Thursday, No Mass; Parish Office Closed

Thursday, 7 October, 6:00 PM, Liturgy Committee

Meeting, Church Library

Friday, 8 October, 8:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Charlie

(Veronica Tresner)

Saturday, 9 October, No Confessions

Saturday, 9 October, St. Mary's Parish Festival,

Richland Center

Saturday, 9 October, 6:30 PM +Mary Sue Ludwig

(John Leahy Family)

Sunday, 10 October, 10:30 PM +Guy Nicks

(Guy Nicks Family)

Sunday, 10 October, 7:30 AM-Noon Pancake Breakfast,

Bake Sale & Quilt Raffle, St. Mary's Parish – Coon Valley

Due to a limited number of volunteers, it looks like we will only be fielding a **2nd Grade, Confirmation, and possibly a 5th Grade** class combined with another grade. As a pastor this is not disturbing to me. I simply consider it revelatory of our slow re-opening due to COVID, and to be honest, a clear sign of what I believe to be a dwindling interest in a class-model for faith formation. I think the latter has been a trend growing for many years. I have taught or coordinated CCD/RE/FF/PSR (whatever acronym you prefer!) since I was 18 years old. I have seen this coming for a long time. I look forward to learning from our families (parents and children) what they would find to be a more engaging style of sharing faith in our parish. **Patience, please!** This is a process. We did not arrive at this situation overnight in our parish or Church. Discerning the lead of the Spirit for our time will likely not be quick either. **Prayers please** as we continue on the way with Jesus. Don't be afraid...we've been here before. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever...Emmanuel, "God-with-us".

Fr. Matt


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 or call Candace at 608-647-0400. All details are on our website at ldccw.org

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"It is not good for a human to be alone." ~ Gen 2:18