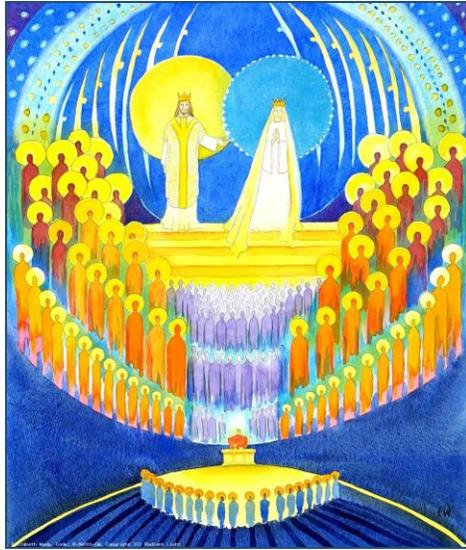


Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"At Mass we are united with the whole company of Heaven" by Elizabeth Wang

"Everyone is Dying" by Rumi

Everyone in the world,
whether man or woman, is dying
and continually passing through
the agony of death.
Regard their words as the final injunctions
which a father gives his son.
In this way consideration and compassion
may grow in your heart,
and the root of hatred and jealousy
may be cut away.
Look upon your kinsman
with that intention,
that your heart may burn with pity
for his death agony.
Everything that is coming will come:
consider it to have already arrived;
consider your friend to be already
in the throes of death, losing his life.
If selfish motives prevent you from this insight,
cast them from your heart;
and if you cannot cast them out, don't stand
inertly in incapacity:
know that with everyone who feels incapable,
there is a goodly Incapacitator.
Incapacity is a chain laid upon you:
you must open your eye to behold the One
who lays the chain.

(*The Mathnawi*, 761 - 768)

October 31, 2021

**31st Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1183*

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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Sunday evening is All Hallows' Eve...Halloween. It's the Vigil (in the Christian world) of All Saints' Day. You know... for all those Hallowed Folk. It's one of my favorite holy days. It's one of my favorite holidays too. I use those words differently on purpose. Because although Halloween is a holy day in the church (and depth a-plenty it has) there is something special and extra, something more I think, that our secular culture has really got right about the day. Some things it adds. I know that for some Christians there is an uncomfortable duplicity felt about Halloween. All those costumed monsters and spirits. The absurd amounts of candy. The risqué parties. Fair enough. Maybe one side of the coin. But as that unusual evening perhaps suggests, what lay beneath the surface? What of the coin's other side? For me, Halloween has always felt very special, spiritual even. A reminder that there is more than meets the eye in everything and everyone. The suggestion that right in the midst of our world is another, both fantastic and fearful. On Halloween everybody admits, at least for a time, that the spiritual is real. Perhaps Halloween even puts flesh on the bones of our Holy Day worship. The invisible seen, the intangible felt. It's almost sacramental. That other world, the holy, the spiritual. So close you can touch it. Or it can touch you...



Fr. Matt

Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Wednesday 3 November ~ *Romans 13:8-10*

Following Jesus' own example, Paul goes to the heart of the Gospel in a few simple phrases that anyone can understand. The difficulty lies not in understanding but in living it out, as usual.

Luke 14:25-33

The first paragraph will shock and the second paragraph will sound familiar. "Hate" is the strong way of saying "prefer to." Jesus really did set faith relationships above "natural" ones. As for planning and failing to build...all too familiar! The message is sharp: take into account the cost of discipleship.

Thursday 4 November ~ *Romans 14:7-12 (St Charles Borromeo)*

Paul returns to the presenting issues which triggered the letter to the Romans—the lack of mutual regard between Christians of Gentile and Jewish origin.

Luke 15:1-10

Again, Luke uses shock tactics. Shepherds had the reputation of being permanently ritually impure, just like women. These outsiders are used to express the mission of Jesus precisely to the marginalised. Did you ever wonder about the ninety-nine who, apparently, had no need of repentance?

Friday 5 November ~ *Romans 15:14-21 (St Martin de Porres)*

Our reading today is part of the conclusion to the major arguments of Romans. We get a window into Paul's understanding of himself, as well as some of the features of the mission, such as always going to new places where the Gospel had not yet been proclaimed.

Luke 16:1-8

As a sign of hope for us all (!), Luke consistently illustrates the Gospel using unlikely, even disreputable characters. At least the wretch thinks ahead — and so should we all.

Saturday 6 November ~ *Sirach 44:1-15*

This is a generous and delightful passage, inviting us to remember again all who have gone before us — not just the "canonised" of course!

Luke 6:17-23

In a typical "wisdom" fashion, Jesus puts before us the "two ways", one leading to death and misery, the other to life and joy. We read only the beatitudes. Of course it is never forbidden to extend the reading.

October 31, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of October 18-25, 2021
Adults: \$1,787.00
Offertory: \$295.00
Mission Sunday: \$250.00
Total: \$2,332.00
September E-gifts: \$2,121.76
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Nov. 6, 6:30 PM

Dennis Vinger Eucharistic Minister - Host
Seth Kiedinger Altar Server

Dan Kiedinger Lector

Sun. Nov. 7, 10:30 AM

Al Mislivecek Eucharistic Minister – Host
Katrina Beach Altar Server
Rosa Beach Altar Server
Matthew Tubbin Lector

If not able to serve as scheduled, please request a sub through MSP. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

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
No weekday Masses or Benediction

Tuesday, 2 November, 5:15 PM All Souls Day Prayer Service
All are welcome to hospitality in Marian Hall following the service

Saturday, 6 November, 10:00 AM Confessions

Saturday, 6 November, 6:30 PM +Angie Dickman
(Gary & Joyce Unseth)

Sunday, 7 November, Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall back one hour!

Sunday, 7 November, 10:30 AM Manny Alonso
(Diana Hernandez)

Thank you to everyone who helped make our parish turkey dinner a success. A BIG Thank You to all who roasted turkeys, made pies, and came to help in any way and to all who purchased dinners that evening. It was a huge success. We served 706 meals (we had planned for 700)!

Winners of the St Mary's 2021 Quilt Raffle are: 1st prize – Linda Culek; 2nd prize – Patricia Roou; 3rd prize – Carol Langkamp.

The Richland Center Deanery will be holding the **Fall Assembly in Marian Hall on November 13th at noon.** There will be a noon luncheon followed by a presentation by Susan Tully, "The Biden Border Crisis from a Catholic Perspective". All women of the parish are invited.

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

St. Mary's PCCW will have a meeting **on November 17th at noon.** We will discuss the fall dinner and our plans for the coming months.

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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.

Blessed Sacrament Parish and La Crosse Life League are hosting the final rally for the local **40 Days for Life Campaign on Saturday, November 6**, at the BSP Parish Hall at 130 S. Losey in La Crosse. A free soup supper will be served at 5:30, with a talk by Steve Karlen at 6 PM. Steve is the North American campaign director for 40 Days for Life. Mass is also available at 4:30 PM. Questions? Call Marie Allen at 608-784-5189

November News from Catholic Charities: **La Crosse Warming Center** – 413 S. 3rd Street – Opening November 1st for the 2021-2022 Season. Join our Volunteer Group. Visit www.cclse.org to learn more!

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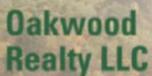
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