

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



*Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh*

"In those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light..." (Mk 13: 24)

*Last night my Beloved was giving me pleasure.  
I told the night,  
"Do not reveal my secrets!"  
Night said,  
"Look around yourself.  
You already have the sun;  
how can I bring the dawn?"*

- Rumi (c. 1200 CE Muslim, mystic poet)

**Thanksgiving Day** is a beautiful American holiday. What we celebrate that day is shared by people of many faiths and cultures. There are many opportunities for shared prayer in our communities that day, many opportunities for service, and for time spent celebrating with family and friends. Because of this abundance we can all enjoy, even with those who don't share our faith tradition, we will NOT be celebrating Mass at either parish on Thanksgiving Eve or Thanksgiving Day. I hope this allows all of us more time for holiday preparations, service to the poor, community, and shared prayer.

*Fr. Matt*

**November 14, 2021**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

*Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1189*

**Eucharist**

**Saturdays - 6:30 PM**

**Sundays - 10:30 AM**

**Wednesdays - 6:30 PM**

**Fridays - 8:00 AM**

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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

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# November 14, 2021

## Weekday Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

### **Monday 15 November** ~ *1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-6* (St Albert the Great)

In the middle of the second century BC, a Syrian king, Antiochus IV Epiphanes initiated a terrible persecution against the Jews and tried to obliterate their Temple and their religion. In Jewish tradition, he is remembered till today as **הרשע** *harasha*, the wicked one. From this reading you can see why.

*Luke 18:35-43*

Stories like this one are meant to be read at two levels. Jesus did indeed heal people; yet, the story is retold to help us to acknowledge our own need of light, faith and salvation.

### **Tuesday 16 November** ~ *2 Maccabees 6:18-31* (St Margaret of Scotland)

The story of the persecution is illustrated in this fascinating vignette. The temptation to pretend is subtle, but the old man is not taken in.

*Luke 19:1-10*

This story—unique to Luke—is one of the stories most beloved of children, perhaps so account of the stature of Zacchaeus. The word “today” brings us into our own present moment.

### **Wednesday 17 November** ~ *2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31* (St Elizabeth of Hungary)

The stories of martyrs both fascinate and challenge us. But there is even more to this one than a noble witness and fidelity. In this chapter 7, we begin to see the traces of faith in the resurrection and life after death. It wasn't speculation that brought them to believe in life after death. Instead, it was a deep desire to believe in a faithful God, who would be faithful beyond death to those who were faithful to him to the point of death.

*Luke 19:11-28*

The image of the gentle Luke is somewhat dislodged by this challenging parable and even more by its conclusion. Perhaps originally, there were two separate stories, joined together here for greater impact. At the time of writing, those who refused the king would be understood to be Jesus' contemporaries.

### **Thursday 18 November** ~ *1 Maccabees 2:15-29* (Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul)

Under pressure of vicious persecution, the Jews eventually rebelled. We see the start of the Maccabean (the word means 'hammer') revolt in this story. There were many battles and, as is the way, the stability of the victory was assured by the chance death of Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

*Luke 19:41-44*

A church on the Mount of Olives commemorates this vignette—no doubt historical. What actually happened later to Jerusalem is read back, with the 20/20 vision of hindsight.

### **Friday 19 November** ~ *1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59*

The story moves quickly to the restoration of the Temple. This rededication is still marked today with the eight-day festival of Hanukkah.

*Luke 19:45-48*

The Temple action—a very disturbing challenge at the time—is very briefly recounted here. Luke's kindly attitude to the Temple accounts for the brevity and even the lightness of the reference.

### **Saturday 20 November** ~ *1 Maccabees 6:1-13*

The last days of Antiochus IV are told with grim satisfaction. It is unlikely historically he made the conversion placed on his lips here, but it does tell us how the Jews understood his sudden death!

*Luke 20:27-40*

Jesus was an apocalyptic Jew, who believed along with the Pharisees in the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were more committed traditionalists and rejected the relatively new teaching about life after death.

# November 14, 2021

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of November 1-7, 2021

Adults: \$2,295.00

Offertory: \$284.25

Mission Sunday: \$10.00

All Saints: \$55.00

Total: \$2,644.25

October E-gifts: \$1,504.46

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## 2021-2022

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,530.00

Pledged: \$11,430.00

Cash to date: \$8,490.00

THANK YOU!

## MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

**Saturday, 13 November, 6:30 PM +Angie Dickman**  
(Lucille Krause)

**Sunday, 14 November, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks**  
(Guy Nicks Family)

**November 15-19: Fran PTO; Parish Office Closed**  
**Church Open for services & by appointment**

**Wednesday, 17 November, Noon PCCW Meeting, Marian Hall**

**Wednesday, 17 November, 6:30 PM +Beth Leis**  
(Angie Leis)

**Friday, 19 November, 8:00 AM +Bernie Harter**  
(Jane & John Harter)

**Saturday, 20 November, 10:00 AM Confessions**

**Saturday, 20 November, 6:30 PM Skip & Joan Keller 60<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wedding Anniversary**

(Keller Family)

**Sunday, 21 November, 10:30 AM +Johnnie Johnson**  
(Jeanette Amundson)

**No Mass Wednesday, November 24 thru Friday, November 26**

**November 25-26: Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

**Saturday, 27 November, No Confessions**

**Saturday, 27 November, 6:30 PM, +Katie Pham**  
(Libby Frank)

**Sunday, 28 November, 10:30 AM, +Johnnie Johnson**  
(Parker & Julie Moore)

## *Ministry Schedule*

### Sat. Nov. 20, 6:30 PM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister - Host  
Seth Kiedinger Altar Server  
DO NOT FILL Altar Server  
Amy Matthes Lector

### Sun. Nov. 21, 10:30 AM

Matthew Tubbin Eucharistic Minister - Host  
Nettle Stevenson Altar Server  
Reuben Stevenson Altar Server  
Lisa VonRuden Lector

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

**Please welcome Otto Nofsinger** into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday. Otto is the son of Rance and Mickella (Geary) Nofsinger. Welcome to this community of Faith!

**Welcome to Megan Prorok, a new member of our parish staff.** She will be working here a couple hours a week as the decorator of our church. I am very grateful that she has offered her time, energy, and creativity in answer to our Bulletin's wanted ad a few weeks ago. Megan and her husband Kyle are parishioners who have lived here for four and a half years after moving from Eau Claire. They live in between Viroqua and Viola with their young daughter Vi. **May the Holy Spirit bless you with God's own creativity, Megan!**

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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.

There is an update to Fr. Charlie's court case. The fullest public information is available on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access: <https://wcca.wicourts.gov>. A settlement has been reached with Fr. Charlie pleading no contest to 4th degree sexual assault. Sentencing for this misdemeanor will follow on December 22nd. **Please pray for everyone affected.**

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*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” ~ Mk 13:31*