

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



“Christ Mounting the Cross” by Pacino di Bonaguida

“Jesus enables us to believe that human life, with all its contradictions, is the place where God is preeminently found. Unlike every other mythology, the myth of the Incarnation gives us strength to face up to the harsh realities of our fragmented world, to feel and to transmit the touch of God’s reconciling love. *The Incarnation does not provide us with a ladder by which to escape from the ambiguities of this life and scale the heights of heaven. Rather it enables us to burrow deep into the heart of the planet earth and find it shimmering with divinity.*”

~ Cardinal Avery Dulles, SJ

November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

*Readings are in the hymnal,
#1192*

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 as scheduled
(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: MTuW – 8 AM-4 PM

Sat. – 9 AM-8 PM

Sun. – 9 AM-Noon

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Weekday Readings by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 22 November ~ *Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 (St Cecilia)*

The book of Daniel is a book of protest, written in symbol or code. On the surface, it is about the time of Nebuchadnezzar, but in reality it is about the Syrian tyrant and persecutor, Antiochus IV Epiphanes. As in the time of Antiochus, the food laws were used as a test of loyalty or infidelity.

Luke 21:1-4

In an abbreviated version of a familiar story, Luke takes us to the heart of the matter is giving *from within*.

Tuesday 23 November ~ *Daniel 2:31-45 (St Columbanus)*

Daniel is shown to be an interpreter of dreams. The real message is that seemingly all powerful and everlasting systems of oppression would come crashing down, without exception.

Luke 21:5-11

It is easy to misread the sign of the times and so Jesus warns his followers—and us—not to be deceived, especially by those making extravagant spiritual claims.

Wednesday 24 November ~ *Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc and companions)*

Our expression “the writing on the wall” comes from this very famous story—a highly theatrical tale. The king is punished for robbing the Temple and Daniel interprets for him the fearful writing on the wall: you too will come crashing down!!

Luke 21:12-19

Our Gospel paints a picture of great distress and yet, in the last two sentences, provides the very message of hope we so badly need in our time.

Thursday 25 November ~ *Daniel 6:12-28 (St Catherine of Alexandria)*

In today's story, the issue is worship of false gods. At the time of writing, Jews were persecuted and worship of their God was prohibited. The king is converted, but, as we see, not to compassion and mercy!

Luke 21:20-28

Jesus, in full apocalyptic mode, assures us that the struggles of the end are to be seen as labour pains, leading to new birth. The end is therefore not “the end.”

Friday 26 November ~ *Daniel 7:2-14*

Where did Jesus get the expression *Son of Man* from? In part from this very vision in the book of Daniel. Heavenly judgment is in progress and the mediator between God and humans is precisely “one like a son of man.”

Luke 21:29-33

Reading the signs of the times is the task of us all, that we may know the kingdom of God among us. It is not always easy...

Saturday 27 November ~ *Daniel 7:15-27*

The message—in coded language—is the present seemingly everlasting oppression will come to a crashing end.

Luke 21:34-36

The final warning of the liturgical year is one of watchfulness. It would be easy to settle for a sentient existence, sleepwalking through life and satiating our- selves with distractions. We are called to greater awareness—and life!—than that. Amen.

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Ministry Schedule

Sat. Nov. 20, 6:30 PM

Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister - Host
Seth Kiedinger 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 Von Ruden Lector

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

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 20 November, 6:30 PM Skip & Joan Keller 60th 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
25 November, Community Thanksgiving 11AM– 1 PM
(DRIVE-THRU ONLY, @ Immanuel Lutheran)

Saturday, 27 November, No Confessions

November 27 – 28, 1st Sunday of Advent

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

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

A Thanksgiving Blessing

During the Jewish celebration of Passover each year, a song is sung at table called the *Dayenu* ("Die - eh - new"). It's a phrase that means, "**it would have been enough.**" Each verse begins by listing one of the blessings given by God to Israel (e.g. bringing them out of Egypt), and concludes by chanting "**it would have been enough.**"

Perhaps a helpful practice for our Thanksgiving celebrations this year. Maybe go around your Thanksgiving table each person sharing "**if only _____, it would have been enough.**" And so on. Repeat as many times as you wish. I offer this as a possible concluding prayer:

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation,
through your goodness we have everything,
we have life.**

**So may we live with thanksgiving
for our daily bread,
your daily love.**

**And through sharing,
like you,
may we receive new life
forever and ever.
Amen.**

(Check out this *Dayenu* recording by Theodore Bikel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThElxeta73q>)

Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Fr. Matt

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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 Fr. Matt with your concerns.

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!**

Children's Envelopes are now available in the Atrium. Last week at the Children's Mass we focused on the importance of sharing with others. These envelopes are leftovers from some past time in our parish. Try using them at home. Children can bring their envelope with to Mass, and far from only giving money, encourage them to write down on the envelope something they want to give to God from this week. *Did they do something helpful or kind? Do they have a special prayer request?*

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