

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"Mary, the Burning Bush"

We are still in need of many volunteers for our RE program. Please contact our parish office if you are able to help. We are more than happy to pay for your investment of time and energy. Thank you!

The PCCW will have a Christmas tea on December 15, at noon. All women of the parish are welcome. Bring a treat to share in our fellowship.

Next Sunday, December 19th, we will be setting up for Christmas after 10:30 Mass. Please stay and help if you are able. Many hands make light work!

Be aware! Mass will be cancelled for a weekday if Viroqua Schools are closed, delayed, or have an early release.

December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

Readings are in the hymnal, #999

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

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org; <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua>; Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

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Several weeks ago you should have received a mailing from the Diocese about **this year's Annual Appeal**. The easiest way to think of the DAA is as a church tax. Parishes take up collections on Sundays; dioceses take up appeals. And they aren't optional! That's why I say "tax". Information about the 2021 - 2022 Appeal is found on page 3 of our Bulletin every week. A brief case study is available online:

<https://diolc.org/stewardship>. If you have questions or concerns about where Appeal monies go or how our Diocesan Budget is formed, please contact Jeff Reiter in the DAA Office: (608) 791-2653. E-mails can be sent via the webpage. Thank you for your help!

It's time for a new ministry schedule! If you are interested in **becoming an "active" minister again** for serving, reading, or Communion please contact Julie Moore. If you would like to **start helping in ministries at Mass for the first time**, please also contact Julie: juliemoore29@gmail.com OR (307) 359-2322. Thank you for your help!

Do you remember the parish survey we took over the summer? It was not forgotten, and both myself and our new Pastoral Council are so grateful for such honest sharing from the community here at St. Mary's. We read through all the responses and look forward to having a time to share what we have observed from your feedback. Additionally, we think having some time for large group discussion could be very helpful. This is right in line with a call Pope Francis put out over the summer too. The Pope and I didn't even talk to each other about it, but he also thought this year is a fine time for every parish and local church community to sit down for discussion together. We have asked someone to help us make our presentation to the parish, and I am so looking forward to a couple town-hall style meetings in late January or early February after our 10:30 Masses. **Stay tuned!**

Fr. Matt

"Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire." - Pierre Teilhard de Chardi, SJ (1881 - 1955)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2021

Adults: \$2,935.00

Offertory: \$225.00

Immaculate Conception: \$65.00

Retired Religious: \$105.00

Christmas Flowers: \$367.00

Christmas: \$35.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00

Total: \$3,757.00

November E-gifts: \$1,505.77

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2021-2022

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,530.00

Pledged: \$16,370.00

Cash to date: \$13,282.50

THANK YOU!

NOTE: No bulletin the weekend of December 18-19. Special Christmas bulletin for Christmas through New Years.

December 12, 2021

Ministry Schedule

Sat. Dec. 18, 6:30 PM

Amy Matthes Eucharistic Minister - Host
Seth Kiedinger Altar Server
NOT FILLED Altar Server
Mark Brueggen Lector

Sun. Dec. 19, 10:30 AM

Raven Stevenson Eucharistic Minister – Host
Alexis Scoville Altar Server
Sasha Scoville Altar Server
Paul O'Rourke Lector

Fri. Dec. 24, 8:00 PM

Al Mislivecek Eucharistic Minister – Host
Gladys Jacobson Eucharistic Minister – Host
Kyle Prorok Altar Server
Bryer Bothe Altar Server
NOT FILLED Altar Server
Pat Biebl Lector

Sat. Dec. 25, 10:30 AM

Jacque Shay Eucharistic Minister – Host
Anthony Shay Eucharistic Minister – Host
Royce Scoville Altar Server
Alexis Scoville Altar Server
Sasha Scoville Altar Server
Amy Matthes Lector

Sun. Dec. 26, 10:30 AM

Matthew Tubbin Eucharistic Minister – Host
Katrina Beach Altar Server
Rosa Beach Altar Server
Paul O'Rourke Lector

Fri. Dec. 31, 6:30 PM

Raven Stevenson Eucharistic Minister – Host
Kyle Prorok Altar Server
Megan Prorok Lector

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

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, 11 December, 6:30 PM +Carl & Margaret Downing
(Pat Klos)

Sunday, 12 December, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks
(Guy Nicks Family)

Wednesday, 15 December, Noon PCCW Christmas Tea

Wednesday, 15 December, 6:30 PM +Philip Brueggen
(Dave & Sue Fanta)

Thursday, 16 December, 6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting in Marian Hall

Friday, 17 December, 8:00 AM +Daniel Cina
(Angie Cina)

Saturday, 18 December, 10:00 AM Confessions

Saturday, 18 December, 6:30 PM Lila Cina's 75th Birthday Celebration
(Terry Cina)

Sunday, 19 December, 10:30 AM +Sarah DeWitt
(Pat Klos)

Sunday, 19 December, after Mass – setting up for Christmas!

Wednesday, 22 December, 6:30 PM +Richard & Helen Fanta
(Dave & Sue Fanta)

Thursday & Friday, December 23-24, Parish Office Closed

No Friday, 24 December 8:00 AM Mass

Friday, 24 December, 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, 24 December, 8:00 PM +Theresa Brueggen
(Jerry & Carol Langkamp)

Saturday, 25 December No Confessions

Saturday, 25 December, 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, 25 December, 10:30 AM +Gary Teadt
(Carol Teadt)

No Saturday, 25 December 6:30 PM Mass

Sunday, 26 December, 10:30 AM +Richard Rubasch, Sr.
(Pat Rubasch)

Thursday & Friday, December 29-30, Parish Office Closed

No Friday, December 31 8:00 AM Mass

Friday, 31 December, 6:30 PM New Year's Eve Mass

Pastoral Council Members

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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.


Sunday Dec 19 at 6:30 PM there will be a Blue Christmas Service at Immanuel Lutheran in Viroqua. Right around the longest night of the year each year, Immanuel offers an hour of prayer, meditation, and music to help bring some light into our hearts during the holidays. Though for some the holidays are a very celebratory time, for others they are a time with a lot of hurts and grief. **Come either to seek peace, or to pray for the peace of others. All are welcome!**

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“He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.” ~ Lk 3:16