



Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



"Ein schwerer Gang (Der Gang nach Bethlehem)" by Fritz von Uhde

There will be no weekend Masses January 8th and 9th. I will be at my sister's wedding and have been unable to find another priest. Here are some other Mass locations and times if you are able to travel that weekend:

St. Philip, Rolling Ground: 10:30 AM Sunday, 42678 Church Rd., Soldiers Grove, WI 54655

St. Charles, Genoa: 4 PM Sat, 9:30 AM Sunday, 701 Walnut St., Genoa, WI 54632

Sacred Heart, Cashton: 4 PM Saturday, 10 AM Sunday, 1205 Front Street, Cashton, WI 54619

Thank you to everyone who shared encouraging notes and gifts with me for Christmas! Your love and support are so appreciated. I feel truly honored to be able to share in people's lives the way I do. To be a part of so many people's stories, to accompany people on their spiritual journeys. I love you all.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Matt

December 25, 2021

The Nativity of the Lord

Readings are in the hymnal, #1004

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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December 25, 2021

"The Mystic's Christmas"

by John Greenleaf Whittier

"All hail!" the bells of Christmas rang,
"All hail!" the monks at Christmas sang,
The merry monks who kept with cheer
The gladdest day of all their year.

But still apart, unmoved thereat,
A pious elder brother sat
Silent, in his accustomed place,
With God's sweet peace upon his face.

"Why sitt'st thou thus?" his brethren cried,
"It is the blessed Christmas-tide;
The Christmas lights are all aglow,
The sacred lilies bud and blow.

"Above our heads the joy-bells ring,
Without the happy children sing,
And all God's creatures hail the morn
On which the holy Christ was born.

"Rejoice with us; no more rebuke
Our gladness with thy quiet look."
The gray monk answered, "Keep, I pray,
Even as ye list, the Lord's birthday.

"Let heathen Yule fires flicker red
Where thronged refectory feasts are spread;
With mystery-play and masque and mime
And wait-songs speed the holy time!

"The blindest faith may haply save;
The Lord accepts the things we have;
And reverence, howsoe'er it strays,
May find at last the shining ways.

"They needs must grope who cannot see,
The blade before the ear must be;
As ye are feeling I have felt,
And where ye dwell I too have dwelt.

"But now, beyond the things of sense,
Beyond occasions and events,
I know, through God's exceeding grace,
Release from form and time and space.

"I listen, from no mortal tongue,
To hear the song the angels sung;
And wait within myself to know
The Christmas lilies bud and blow.

"The outward symbols disappear
From him whose inward sight is clear;
And small must be the choice of days
To him who fills them all with praise!

"Keep while you need it, brothers mine,
With honest seal your Christmas sign,
But judge not him who every morn
Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born!"

Thank you to everyone who is interested in volunteering their time, skills, and compassionate nature in providing service to our new Afghan neighbors currently living at Fort McCoy. We need a lot of help over the next few months!

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- One Legal Center
- Six Indoor Recreational Centers for children and adults

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[<https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance/>]

December 25, 2021

FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of December 13-19, 2021

Adults: \$3,137.00

Student: \$2.00

Offertory: \$278.55

Retired Religious: \$65.00

Christmas: \$60.00

Total: \$3,542.55

November E-gifts: \$1,505.77

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2021-2022

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,530.00

Pledged: \$28,965.00

Cash to date: \$26,100.00

THANK YOU!

Ministry Schedule

Fri. Dec. 31, 6:30 PM

SWAP REQUESTED Eucharistic Minister-
Host

Kyle Prorok	Altar Server
Pat Biebl	Lector

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

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

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)

Wednesday, 29 December, No Mass – Fr. Matt at a funeral

Thursday & Friday, December 30-31, Parish Office Closed

No Friday, 31 December 8:00 AM Mass

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

Friday, 31 December, 6:30 PM +Betty Ann Tubbin

(Jeanette Amundson)

Saturday, 1 January, 10:00 AM Confessions

Saturday, 1 January, 6:30 PM Jim & Germaine Schaeffer

(Bob Blumerich)

Sunday, 2 January, 10:30 AM +Guy Nicks

(Guy Nicks Family)

Wednesday, 5 January, 6:30 PM +Lu Ann Schmidt

(Pat Klos)

**Thursday, 6 January, 6:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
in Church Library**

Friday, 7 January, 8:00 AM +Tony Hovezak

(Roger & Phyllis Krause)

Saturday, 8 January No Confessions

Saturday, 8 January, No Mass

Sunday, 9 January, No 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.

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


REMINDER: Please let the parish office know if you have a change of address or phone number.

NOTE: For donations to be recorded as received for 2021, the parish office needs to receive them no later than December 29, 2021.


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“...there was no room for them in the inn.” ~ Lk 2:7