

# Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



“Breakfast on the Beach” by Peter Koenig

**This weekend we celebrate 1st Communion with several of our parish families.** Fr. Richard Rohr offered a wonderful reflection on Eucharist recently. Here he quotes from the Buddhist mystic Thich Nhat Hahn:

The bread that Jesus handed to you, to us, is real bread, and if you can eat real bread you have real life. But we are not able to eat real bread. We only try to eat the word *bread* or the notion of bread. Even when we are celebrating the Eucharist, we are still eating notions and ideas. “Take, my friends, this is my flesh, this is my blood.” Can there be any more drastic language in order to wake you up? What could Jesus have said that is better than that? You have been eating ideas and notions, and I want you to eat real bread so that you become alive. If you come back to the present moment, fully alive, you will realize this is real bread, this piece of bread is the body of the whole cosmos.

If Christ is the body of God, which he is, then the bread he offers is also the body of the cosmos. Look deeply and you notice the sunshine in the bread, the blue sky in the bread, the cloud and the great earth in the bread. Can you tell me what is not in a piece of bread? The whole cosmos has come together in order to bring to you this piece of bread. You eat it in such a way that you become alive, truly alive. . . . Eat in such a way that the Holy Spirit becomes an energy within you and then the piece of bread that Jesus gives to you will stop being an idea, a notion.

[*Going Home: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers* (New York: Riverhead Books, 1999), 106–107]

Congratulations! to **Elizabeth Beach, Kaelyn Buchholz, Bennett Carpenter, Logan Curti, Sebastian Kimmet, Francesca Klum, Adalene Lovelace, and Caleb Schwarz** who will receive their 1st Communion this **Sunday, May 1, during the 10:30 AM Mass.**

May 1st, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings are in the hymnal,  
#1069

### Eucharist

Saturdays - 6:30 PM

Sundays - 10:30 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM

### Livestreaming Mass

[www.facebook.com/StMarysViroqua](https://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 (*Church Calendar, p. 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-4PM

Sat. - 9 AM-8PM

Sun. - 9 AM-Noon

Parish Website [www.stmaryviroqua.org](http://www.stmaryviroqua.org); Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

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May 1, 2022

**"Back from the City"**

*by Jane Kenyon*

After three days and night of rich food  
and late talk in overheated rooms,  
of walks between mounds of garbage  
and human forms bedded down for the night  
under rags, I come back to my dooryard,  
to my own wooden step.

The last red leaves fall to the ground  
and frost has blackened the herbs and asters  
that grew beside the porch. The air  
is still and cool, and the withered grass  
lies flat in the field. A nuthatch spirals  
down the rough trunk of the tree.

At the Cloisters I indulged in piety  
while gazing at a painted lindenwood Pietà—  
across her knees; but when a man stepped close  
under the tasseled awning of the hotel,  
asking for "a quarter for someone  
down on his luck," I quickly turned my back.

Now I hear tiny bits of bark and moss  
break off under the bird's beak and claw,  
and fall onto already-fallen leaves.  
"Do you love me?" said Christ to his disciple.  
"Lord, you know  
that I love you."  
*"Then feed my sheep."*

# May 1, 2022

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Week of April 18-24, 2022

Adults: \$1,766.00

Offertory: \$217.00

Youth: \$4.00

Rice Bowl: \$62.04

Good Friday: \$20.00

Total: \$2,069.04

March E-gifts: \$2,006.56

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## 2021-2022

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$36,530.00

Pledged: \$40,070.00

Cash to date: \$38,815.00

THANK YOU!

## Ministry Schedule

### **Sat., May 7, 6:30 PM**

Veronica Tresner Eucharistic Minister Host

Seth Kiedinger Altar Server

Dennis Vinger Lector

### **Sun., May 8, 10:30 AM**

Raven Stevenson Eucharistic Minister Host

Breyer Bothe Altar Server

Royce Scoville Altar Server

Al Mislivecek Lector

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

## MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH CALENDAR

**Saturday, 30 April, 6:30 PM +Joe Biebl**

(Lester & Anita Cina)

**Sunday, 1 May, 10:30 AM +Jim Graham**

(Pat Biebl Family)

**Sunday, Sunday, 1 May, during 10:30 AM Mass - 1st Communion**

**Sunday, 1 May, Final Confirmation Class following 10:30 AM**

**Mass**

**Wednesday, 4 May, 6:30 PM +Joe Biebl**

(Pat Biebl Family)

**Thursday, 5 May, 6:30 PM - Sacrament of Confirmation -**

**Reception in Atrium following Ceremony**

**Friday, May 6, 8:00 AM +Angie Dickman**

(Ann Graham)

**Saturday, 7 May, 10:00 AM No Confessions**

**Saturday, 7 May, 6:30 PM +Johnnie & Rosemary Johnson**

(Michael Royer)

**Saturday, 7 May, Tony Shay ordained Deacon at Cathedral**

**Sunday, 8 May, 10:30 AM +Joe Biebl**

(Don & Linda Wagner)

**RSVP requested from all St. Mary's 2022 high school graduates - we will be honoring you at the **June 5, 10:30 AM Sunday Mass**. Let us know if you will attend. If you cannot attend but wish to receive a graduation gift, please let us know, also. RSVP by calling the parish office, 608/637-7711, or e-mailing the parish office, [stmaryparish@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryparish@mwt.net).**

Next week some wonderful things are happening in the life of our parish. First, on Thursday we will celebrate the Confirmation of seven of our young people with Bishop Callahan - **Quinn Bergdahl, Brooklyn Bothe, Cole Fletcher, Sam Kane, Pat Keenan, Emily Potter, and Wren Stevenson**. This is a time when they really start to make major decisions and need their Catholic faith to plan their life. **Please pray that they have a new realization of the wonderful gifts God has placed in their hearts.** Their photos are posted in the Atrium.

We will also be celebrating **the Ordination of Tony Shay as a deacon on Saturday**. Deacons are called to assist pastors in the service of the community. They preach, baptize, and celebrate weddings and funerals. I am grateful for the gifts Tony brings to the care of our parish. Do not hesitate to reach out to him for spiritual and pastoral support! **God is with you, Tony. Congratulations and welcome!**

**May 1, 2022**

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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.

**Over 50 Lunch & Learn** - Wednesdays in May, 11:30 AM Lunch, Noon Speaker, 1:00 PM Socializing. Viroqua's Bigley Park Shelter, 340 W. South Street, Viroqua.

May 4        Getting Around Vernon County without a Car

May 11       How to Use an iPhone

May 18       How to Use an Android Phone

May 25       Medicare A B C D & Social Security at **5:00 PM**

**RSVP:** Call Senior Dining Center 608/637-5201 to reserve lunch for 5/4, 5/11, 5/18 only. Mention Viroqua Lunch & Learn. **Masks required.** Questions: email [over50lunch@yahoo.com](mailto:over50lunch@yahoo.com)

**May 1st is the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker**, the patron saint of our diocese and the namesake of our cathedral. Like Jesus his son, Joseph makes clearer to us the holiness of life and work in this world. Our everyday is sacred space where God reaches out to us and through us!

“The most serious of the evils that afflict the world these days are youth unemployment and the loneliness of the old. The old need care and companionship; the young need work and hope but have neither one nor the other, and the problem is they don't even look for them any more. They have been crushed by the present. You tell me: can you live crushed under the weight of the present? Without a memory of the past and without the desire to look ahead to the future by building something, a future, a family? Can you go on like this? This, to me, is the most urgent problem that the Church is facing.”

- Pope Francis, interview for *La Repubblica*, 10/01/13

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**“...you know that I love you” ~ Jn 21:17**

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