

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

February 16, 2025

Readings: 595C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday.....5:15 pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:15pm to 3:45pm

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,
Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda
Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris

Carskadon

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend:Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday:Wed - 5:15 PM & Fri - 8:00 AM

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Joe and contact the parish office for registration and information. www.stmarycv.org/visit-us

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

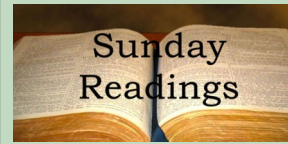
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

Book of Prayer Requests: Located in the back of church. Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The requests will be included in the parish prayers.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 16, 2025
 1) Jeremiah 17:5-8
 2) 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
 3) Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, February 15

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Rita Weber *
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune *

SUNDAY, February 16

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - The Roskos and Roningen Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer *correction

Money Counters: Mike Kammel & Mark Boland*

TUESDAY, February 18

Weekday

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, February 20

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Ed and Betty Gorman

SATURDAY, February 22

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Edward Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, February 23

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Bob and Leona Welsh
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

*Corrections from last weeks posting

Upcoming Events/Calendar

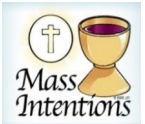
- **Feb 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Cecilia Guild
- **Feb 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 22/23** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Feb 24** ~ Men's Club Meeting at 6:00 PM
- **Mar 2** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Mar 5** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Mar 9** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 11** ~ **4:45 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:15 PM Mass
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Rose Guild
 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 18** ~ **4:45 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:15 PM Mass



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Apr 12, & 26. May 25 & 31. Jun 1, 14 or 15, 22, & 29.

Open Weekdays: Mar 11, 13, 25, & 27. Apr 1, 3, 10, 22, & 29. May all except 15 and 29.



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to \$100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,803.00	Received as of week 2
(\$4,197.00)	Difference for the Month



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of January 30, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
 Payments received: **\$53,976.50**

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 02/07/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,905.00	\$9,404.99
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$3,675.00	\$4,645.01
Percent Pledged: 91.85%, Percent Received: 66.94%		
Number Contributing: 25		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		2/9/2025	
Adult Env(32)	\$2,020.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	180.00	Received This Week	\$2,200.00
Total	\$2,200.00	Running total needed	\$12,000.00
		YTD Received	\$10,306.00
CCHD (5)	\$130.00	Difference	(1,694.00)

From the Pastor

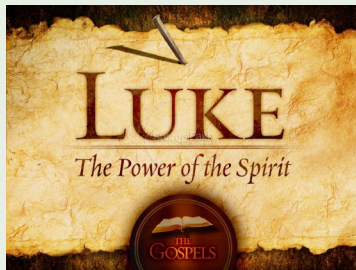
Hello friends,

Last weekend I mentioned that we're spending a lot of time in the Gospel of Luke this year. Luke has a beautiful preoccupation with Jesus' healing miracles – perhaps tied to Luke's own previous life as a physician. As He works to reveal Himself, Jesus uses these miracles to help His people understand who He is by what He does. When He heals, Jesus rejoices in the physical wellbeing of the person being healed, but more than that He is intimately concerned with the deeper restoration going on under the surface. When Jesus restores a blind man's sight, He is also opening up his vision to Jesus standing in front of him. When He heals the woman with the hemorrhage or raises Jairus' daughter back to life, He is certainly concerned with the life-changing or life-ending illness they're suffering through, but more than that He is showing the deeper reality "I bring you new life, I restore you as a whole person and integrate you back into our People."

Last weekend's Gospel showed an early sign, when Jesus encountered Simon (eventually St. Peter) on the seashore. He met Simon and James and John right where they were – tired, worn out, aggravated from an unsuccessful day's work. Jesus had no interest in meeting these guys where they wished they were – He met them in a very concrete, visceral moment with His invitation: "Put out into deep waters." This call has been resonating in my own prayer throughout the week – this invitation to be unafraid of the depths. I've succeeded in some moments at staying in tense or loaded moments in my own prayer and my encounters with our people, and the Holy Spirit has rewarded this perseverance with tangible experiences of His grace and with His encouragement to forge ahead. I've failed in some moments by escaping into the accessible familiarity of distraction and spiritual bypass, and the Holy Spirit has used the flat-footedness of these moments to remind me about His desire to work even through my own weakness. In both of these responses, this same theme has been poignantly clear, "stay in the deep waters with Me."

Anyway, I share this with you specifically as an invitation – as we read through the Gospel of Luke at these weekend Masses, recognize the way the Holy Spirit is trying to reveal Himself and open up your own heart, not just in that weekly liturgical moment but in ** every * single * moment * of your life.* The Lord delights in you and is wonderfully patient with you (and me), and His invitation is always waiting for your "yes," even and especially after a "no." If something resonates from the weekend liturgy, give it space to grow and marinate. If you feel Him calling you into deeper waters, do not be afraid – He's a good lifeguard.

God bless you, Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements



to the family and friends of:

Bryan Berg

who passed away on

February 12, 2025



A private funeral service will be held at the parish, with a Celebration of Life scheduled for April.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted:"
(Matthew 5:4)



Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins next weekend

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The campaign will begin the weekend of February 22-23, 2025 and will conclude the weekend of March 22-23, 2025.

The bottles/envelopes will be available to take home Saturday February 22, 2025, and Sunday February 23, 2025. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday March 23, 2025. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

Old Palm Collection for Ash Wednesday

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we have begun the process of collecting old palms. Please bring in your old palms from last Palm Sunday or beyond and place them in the container located in the back of the church. Fr. Joe will burn the palms, creating the ash that will be distributed on Ash Wednesday.



A Minute with Jesus

Jesus will help us believe what we cannot understand.

The Lord always comes in to strengthen and confirm our faith in response to our desire to believe. He actually even uses our hesitation in accepting His true Presence in the Eucharist to bring us to a deeper, more lively faith in the truth of this mystery.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
- This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6: 52-59

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Evening of Hope – Feb 22

The Jubilee Year of 2025 ("Pilgrims of Hope") is underway worldwide, and the first big event in our Diocese will be an Evening of Hope with Bishop Battersby at the Cathedral in La Crosse. This will be next week Saturday, February 22:

- ◆ 4:30 PM – Holy Mass with Papal Blessing – Main Cathedral Church
- ◆ 5:30 PM – Adoration with Jubilee Reflection by: Bishop Battersby – Main Cathedral Church
- ◆ 5:30 PM – 7 PM – Confessions – Main Cathedral Church
- ◆ 7:00 PM – Benediction – Main Cathedral Church

A New Monastery – Info Feb 22 & 23

Fr. Joseph O'Hara, a priest of the Diocese, is starting Holy Family Monastery in Northern California on a farm very near the Pacific coast. It has a traditional Benedictine observance, a life centered around the altar with the Latin liturgy and is dedicated to a lifelong education according to the mind and method of St. Thomas Aquinas. Please come and visit Fr. O'Hara at St. James Parish, La Crosse after each of the scheduled weekend Masses on February 22 and 23 or contact him at holyfamily4u@protonmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - Feb 23

The Father McCaffrey Council 9438 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 23, from 8:30 am until noon in the basement dining hall at St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem. People with mobility issues will be served in the Annex. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice. The cost is a free will offering with the proceeds going to support seminarians.

Pancake Breakfast - Mar 2

At the Coon Valley Lutheran Church on March 2, 2025 serving from 8 AM to noon. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, and 5 and under free. All are welcome to attend!

Cabin Feverfest - Mar 2

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Middle Ridge (Rockland) is holding their annual Euchre tournament and Soup Luncheon on Sunday March 2nd. Doors open at 12:00 noon and card games will begin at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and entry into the tournament. Call the parish office at 608-452-4680 with any questions.

Healing Service - Mar 3

You are invited to a Healing Service on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cashton, WI. This special evening offers an opportunity to experience God's grace through prayer, worship, and individual prayer ministry. All are welcome to attend. 4:30 PM: Adoration and Confession 5:30 PM: Mass 6:00 PM: Corporate Prayer for Healing, 7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers) 9:00 PM: Closing. Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate. For more information, call Sara Clements at 608.385.5283

Men of the Cross "Freedom in Forgiveness" - Mar 8

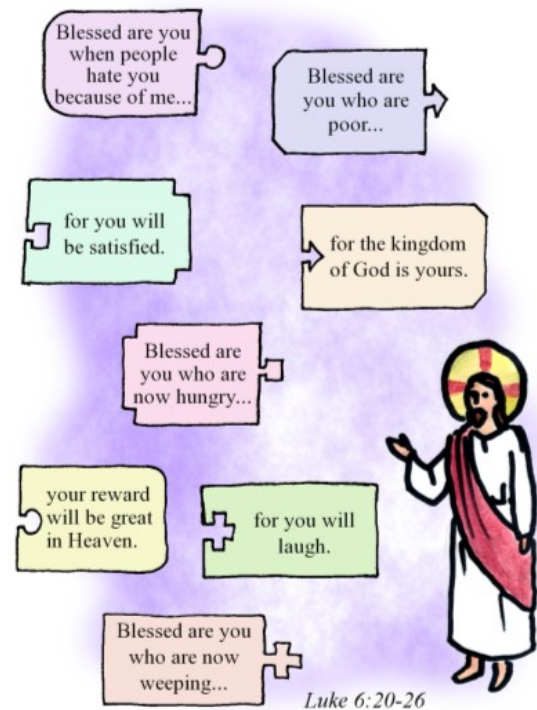
Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us. Please consider attending Men of the Cross: "Freedom in Forgiveness" Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch!) Registration: menofthecross.org. Speakers: Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby.

Activity Corner

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16th, 2025

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?



Sacred Heart Catholic School Cashton, WI



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In the Classical Catholic Tradition

For registration information or to arrange a visit call or email: 608-654-7733
principle@smash3p.org

Now Registering for 2025-2026 School Year!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Never doubt
the power of
prayer.

- The sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Syria whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- The intentions listed in our parish Book of Prayer.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email
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