



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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September 20, 2026 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 650A

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Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*“The last will be first,
and the first will
be last?”*

MATTHEW 20:16

Administrative Assistant

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Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
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Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve
Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
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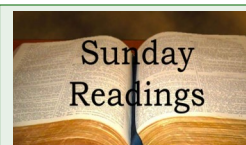
Fr. Joe also serving:

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 12:10 pm



September 20, 2026
 1) Isaiah 55:6-9
 2) Philippians 1:20-24, 27
 3) Matthew 20:1-16

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 19

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass † Art and Evelyn Gajewski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, September 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass - For the People
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, September 22

Weekday—First Day of Autumn

- Adoration 4:30 PM
 - 5:15 PM Mass - † Ursula Werner

THURSDAY, September 24

Weekday

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Cole James Berra

SATURDAY, September 26

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass † John and Maria Rabotski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass - The priests of our Diocese, that God may grant them continued strength, wisdom, and joy in their ministry.

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sept 20** - Parish Social served by St. Rose Guild
- **Sept 29** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Oct 1** ~ Advanced Care Planning from 3-4:30 PM in our church hall
- **Oct 4** ~ Family Faith Formation Programming for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 6** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group our church hall from 9:30AM-12 PM
 ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30-8PM
- **Oct 7** ~ Church basement organization and cleaning starting at 10 AM
- **Oct 8** ~ Advance Care Planning from 5-7 PM in Viroqua
- **Oct 11** ~ **Annual Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM-noon**
- **Oct 13** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Oct 18** ~ Family Faith Formation Programming for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass served by St. Theresa Guild

Save the Date!

Pancake Breakfast

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th
7:30 AM – NOON
 (or until sold out)

Please pick up your special contribution envelope this weekend to help support the Pancake Breakfast!

Please post the flyer included in today's bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, and 25. Nov 14, 15, 21 or 22, 28 & 29.

Open Weekdays: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and 29. Nov 3, 5, 17, 19, 24, and 26.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. 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.



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,607.00	Received as of week 1
(\$4,393.00) Difference for the Month	



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of August 15, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$91,580.00
THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Giving Last Week			9/13/2026
Adult Env	\$2040.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	313.00	Received This Week	\$2,373.00
Pancake Bkft	20.00	Total needed	\$74,000.00
Total	\$2,373.00	YTD Received	\$71,830.68
RE Registration	\$175.00	Difference	(2,169.32)
Food Pantry	\$85.00		

From the Pastor

Friends,

This past week we celebrated two very intentionally adjacent feast days – on Monday the Exaltation of the Cross, on Tuesday Our Lady of Sorrows. I think last year the former landed on a Sunday, meaning we all got to celebrate it together, but this year with both feasts during the week this connection struck me more strongly. After 2000 years of familiarity, the Cross is now even a comfortable image – when I see a cross I immediately think “Jesus,” and the image itself is now synonymous with Christianity. This has not always been the case. In fact, the oldest known depiction of a cross comes from a piece of graffiti on a Roman wall from around 200 AD, a crudely scratched cross, mounted by a man with a donkey head and underneath the inscription “Alexamenos worships his god” – some guy mocking Alexamenos for worshipping Someone who died a deeply shameful death. The first depiction we have of the cross shows how it was popularly received for the first centuries of the Church’s life, what it would have meant to Jesus’ followers not just for Jesus to die but for Jesus to die in the way He did.

Of course, we know the power of the Cross now – that Jesus wins human salvation by entering so deeply into human suffering. This is one of the greatest paradoxes of Christianity – suffering itself is no good thing and not something God desires for us. It’s an experience of the way God didn’t design things to be, at its uttermost depths an experience of separation from God. “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani,” those words changed everything. God loves you and loves me so much that He becomes one of us, experiencing with you and with me both the beautiful and the remarkable sorrow of humanity. The paradox comes with the resurrection – the thing that most marks us as distinct and other from God (suffering) becomes the very vehicle that God uses to save us in the resurrection. This whole movement now carries the name “redemptive suffering.” And so, 2000 years after Jesus and 1800 years after meek Alexamenos we hold up the cross, not as a sign of defeat but of triumph.

And then comes the next day, Our Lady of Sorrows. From the very beginning of Jesus’ life here on earth on March 25, Mary has carried her Son to you and me. Early in his post-birth life, those words prepared the way for Mary, “this Child is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel, and you yourself a sword shall pierce.” The cost of salvation isn’t one that Jesus carries alone – starting with His Mother He invites you and me into this same movement through suffering and death into the new life of resurrection. As the film “The Passion of the Christ” depicts so beautifully and reflecting Revelation 21, “See Mother, I make all things new.” One of the great graces of the Cross, as Mary shows us, is that it provides such a deep connection with Jesus – He accompanies us in our suffering because He knows suffering, and as Veronica shows us it also gives us the opportunity to accompany Christ in His own suffering.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Gathered in Grace Mom Group

Gathered in Grace is a local mom group that will focus on spiritual growth through discussion, prayer and plenty of coffee. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11AM starting on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton. The meetings will be rotating between local parishes and will be here on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in October. Children are welcome. While there will be no childcare, we will provide toys and snacks to keep children entertained during our get-togethers. There is no commitment so feel free to attend the weeks and locations you are able. Use the QR code to join the GroupMe group for more information or feel free to call/text Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546 or Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706.



Advance Care Planning Workshops

If you could not speak for yourself, who would you want to make medical decisions for you? What would you want this person to know about your healthcare goals and values? Life is so unpredictable. We never know when an illness or injury will occur. That is why it is extremely important to plan and write your wishes down.

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows you to designate a person to make your healthcare decisions, only if you cannot make them yourself! It allows you to include specific medical treatment options and instructions for your end-of-life care. In collaboration, St. Mary’s and The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches will host two free Advance Care Planning Workshops. These workshops will also address Catholic beliefs and assist you in updating or creating your own Advance Care Plan.

Date: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Time: 3-5 pm

Location: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley

-Or-

Date: Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

**Location: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin**

Pre-registration is encouraged sign up in the back of church or call 608-637-7711 or email to: stmaryparish@mwt.net Please include your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Please feel free to invite others. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Religious Education Registration

If you were unable to make the registration on Sept 13, please contact email Pat Obernberger from *Annunciation of the BVM Parish*, cre@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org or Bridget Goodwin, *St Mary Parish Coordinator of Religious Education* at stmarycvformation@gmail.com

Healing the Whole Person

Do you want to be healed, to know yourself better, and understand why you do the things you do? This 8 week program from the John Paul II Healing Center is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. During this time, you’ll begin a journey to **spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness**—entering the sometimes-hidden places of the heart, facing pains and woundedness, and

Parish Announcements *continued*

experiencing a deep encounter with the authentic healing love of Jesus Christ.

Sessions are on **Tuesdays evenings in Marian Hall at ABVM in Viroqua from 6:30 to roughly 8 pm starting September 29 and continuing October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24.** This is more than just watching videos – which are beautiful in and of themselves - it includes a book to follow along and journal in, discussion groups as you desire, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and designated Confession, Adoration and prayer team evenings for your spiritual needs.

Cost is \$25 per person, please sign up by contacting the office of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at 400 Congress Ave., Viroqua, WI 54665 and mailing payment to their office. Jenny Leum, ABVM parishioner, will facilitate with help from a caring and experienced team. Questions and registration, call ABVM parish office at 608-637-7711 or email Jenny at jenny@leum.com.



Unable to QR, registration link can also be found on St. Mary's Facebook Page event or enter/follow the link below
<https://forms.gle/WkdcyqpkpbGmfHJ79>

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Rural Life Day Sept. 23 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor
Come together with several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop-Emeritus William Callahan, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards-blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family at Creamery Creek Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

Diocesan/Local Announcement *continued*

Flood Relief for Flood Victims in Nepal - Catholic Relief Services is responding to those affected by the devastating flooding in Nepal. Information about the relief effort and opportunities to contribute are available at CRS.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat for Traumatic Pregnancy Loss - Oct. 9-11

A weekend retreat for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment for grieving and for releasing deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt. For details on the retreat, which will be held in the La Crosse area, call Amy at 608.860.6698 or contact by email: Hope4U@diolc.org. To learn about Rachel Ministries, visit <https://diolc.org/rachelministries/>

Sauerkraut Supper - Wed. October 14, 4:00 to 7:30pm, St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge

Oct. 16 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet

On Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Fr. Justin Kizewski speaking on the vital topic of **"The Art of Dying Well: Spiritual Preparation for Death."** As the end of life draws near, much attention is paid to medical decisions, life insurance, a will, a cemetery plot, etc., but *nothing is as important as preparing the soul for passage into eternal life.* Fr. Kizewski will shine a light on the beautiful teaching and practice of the Church as she accompanies us, and our loved ones, in the last days and hours of life. All are invited to attend this special evening. Visit diolc.org/gospeloflife to learn more. Registration opens on Wednesday, Sept. 9, and the deadline is Friday, Oct. 9.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference

Join the Queen of the Americas Guild for a 2-day conference examining Our Lady's role as Compassionate Mother to All That Live Together in This Land. Open to all those who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic.
Date: October 16 and 17
Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Cost: \$125

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Please use the registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments. Then mail or email it to stmaryscv@mwt.net and jrichards@diolclergy.org. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th • 7:30 AM—NOON

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

\$10.00

PER ADULT

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

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CAN EAT!**

**St. Mary
Parish**

900 Central Ave
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**Our famous pancake
topping bar includes:**

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter

