

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

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

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan

Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,

Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed

vacancies)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters

(Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

ORGANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris

Carskadon.

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

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

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 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.stmaryscv.org/visit-us

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Call or email Fr. Joe. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmaryscv.org/sacraments>

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fatherjoerichards@gmail.com You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.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

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:19


Fr. Joe Richards

January 22, 2023

Readings: 584A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings
January 22, 2023

1) *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*; 2) *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*;
3) *Matthew 4:12-23*


Intentions	
Jan 21~ 4:00 PM - †	Woody Roningen
Jan 22 ~ 8:00 AM - †	Kylie Von Ruden
Jan 24 ~ 6:30 PM - †	Anna Roberts
Jan 26 ~ 8:00 AM - †	Edward and Anna Kerska
Jan 28~ 4:00 PM - †	Edward and Anna Kerska
Jan 29 ~ 8:00 AM - †	Jim Callan

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 1, 2, & 22, May 7, 20, & 27.

Weekdays open: Jan 31, Feb 2, 9, & 23, Mar 2, 7, 14, 21, & 30. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Jan 28/29

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Volunteer
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

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.

Sign in using **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with Amazon Smile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."




You shop. Amazon gives.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **January 21 to February 26** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign
- **January 26** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **February 5** ~ *Religious Education Class* after 8 AM Mass
- **February 12** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua following the 10:30 AM Mass
- **February 22** ~ Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 PM
- **February 8-24** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe

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

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:
Tuesdays from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time) 
and on **Thursdays from Mass until noon.**

Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits, so, please call or text beforehand (608-606-9787) or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.**

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).



Giving Last Week		Week 02	1/15/2023
Adult Env.(34)	\$3,020.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$107.00	Received This Week	\$3,127.00
Total	\$3,127.00	Running total needed	\$6,000.00
		YTD Received	\$6,436.00
Missions	\$100.00	Difference	436.00

From the Parochial Administrator



Hello friends,

In the spirit of Ordinary Time, I've got some ordinary business for you in the form of a few updates from our January 17 Pastoral Council.

New Membership – Last week I asked Lori Pedretti to join us on the Pastoral Council, and she willingly agreed. As I've gotten to know Lori since I started here, her family's active and consistent participation in our liturgies and our first-Sunday RE sessions have been a blessing to myself and our community. We've had the chance to connect on several occasions both personally and professionally, and Lori will bring an important perspective on our parish' service to families that complements our current Council. This brings our current Pastoral Council membership to five: Lori, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Steve Schulte, Sue Humfeld, and *ex officio* Deacon Tony and myself. Please utilize these council members as sounding boards, and thank you to our members for your leadership!

Upcoming Liturgies

Ash Wednesday is coming up already on February 22. We've got one last service time to finalize between our parishes, but look for a 12:10 Mass in Coon Valley as well as a morning Word & Ash service and an evening Mass in Viroqua. Please bring any palm branches you've got to Masses over the next few weeks for us to make into this year's ashes!

Easter Triduum (Mass of the Lord's Supper/Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday) **will be hosted in Viroqua** with a midday Good Friday service happening in Coon Valley, too. Again, times are TBD, but keep your eyes on the schedule and we'll keep you up to date! Easter Sunday will be at regular Sunday Mass times.

Pastorate Request – When I was assigned here as Parochial Administrator, I was given the instruction to request assignment as Pastor after six months. We're now at six months, and I collected feedback from the Pastoral Council to share with the diocese's Personnel Council. Last week I met with the Personnel Council to make that request, and – good news – they approved it! This isn't to say I'm Pastor quite yet – there are a few last steps to take, the main one being an installation Mass. The date on that one is, also again, TBD, but keep your eyes peeled and we'll keep you updated.

Homebound Ministry – We are rebuilding our ministry to homebound and nursing-facility-bound parishioners. If you would like to receive visits, if you have someone who needs to be visited, or if you would like to help in this ministry please contact myself, the parish office, or one of our Pastoral Council members. Thank you!

Alright, business meeting over.

God bless you all! ~ Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

AmazonSmile to end Feb 20, 2023

Please place your orders by February 20th to help St Mary's. Amazon has decided to end the program and will wind down its operation on February 20th. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for St. Mary's as normal. If you haven't used AmazonSmile please do so now before the program ends. Sign up at: smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Thank you!



Catholic Mass Times App

Scan the QR code or visit: CatholicMassTimes.app and download the app and gain access to 60,000 Catholic Church Mass times worldwide.



Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign starts now!



The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Grab a baby bottle from the back of church, take it home and fill it with your spare change. 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. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience (by dropping in the collection plate) before or on Sunday February 26, 2023. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

2022 Contribution Statements

Statements for registered families are available for pickup in the back of church this weekend. Any statements left after Mass on January 29th will be mailed. Please pick your up to help save on postage. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Mary Marquardt

who passed away on
January 14, 2023

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

2023 Envelopes and Calendars

There are still calendars available and a few booklets of envelopes to be picked up. Feel free to take a calendar home with you today. If your name is not listed on an envelope booklet or if you do not currently receive envelopes and would like some, please contact the parish office.

Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend we have a special collection to support the CCHD. More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

ADRC Vernon County Mini Bus Trip - Jan. 26

Visit Beanie's Diner and Downtown Westby on January 26th. Cost is only \$7. call 608-637-5201 to reserve your spot.

GIVEN Retreat - Jan. 28

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline Van Hemmert. Cost: \$45 per couple For more information, contact Chris Rogers at crogers@diolc.org.

Bus Trip to Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson - Mar 4

Beat the winter blahs, go on a bus trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see Music Man. Trip includes bus, lunch, and show. Cost is \$110. Profits to Holy Trinity Parish. Contact Arlene Young 608-788-3440.

Pregnant and in distress?

Confidential help is available. Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more, visit cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.



2023 Mardi Gras



Coulee Region Mardi Gras congratulates the newly revealed Rex and Queen of Mardi Gras 2023, Mark and Stephanie Dickson of Blessed Sacrament! Mark and Stephanie will officially begin their reign at the 2023 Mardi Gras Ball which will be held on Saturday, February 11, from 4:30 pm until midnight at the Radisson hotel ballroom. Tickets for the ball are on sale online until January 27 and can be purchased at www.lacrossemaidigras.com. See the website for more information on all the Mardi Gras fun, including the Fat Tuesday party on February 21 at the La Crosse Bierhaus. All are invited to these events in support Aquinas Catholic Schools with funds raised going toward classroom needs, tuition assistance, technology, and fine arts programs.



A Minute with Jesus

Why does Jesus always want to stay with us?



You know that Jesus always wants to stay with you because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time. This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net



Activity Corner

Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in _____
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
a _____ has shone.

You have brought them abundant _____
and great rejoicing
as they rejoice before you as at the _____,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the _____ that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have _____,
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks in the prophecy from today's first reading.

OJY KOEY SNAKDRE
GLTHI EHSMSAD ASEVHRT

Answer: darkness, light, joy, harvest, voke, smashed