

St. Mary's Parish

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Merry Christmas

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2019

Reading 486A

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

Local Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

- 1) Isaiah 7:10-14
- 2) Romans 1:1-7
- 3) Matthew 1:18-24

FOCUS: Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises God has made to the House of David.

Today's readings remind us that in Christ Jesus, God has been faithful to the promises he made to his Chosen People. Our salvation in Christ is how we are reconciled back to God, who created us and loves us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies a sign for Israel: *The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son* who will embody God's redemptive presence with his people. Paul, recalling his own apostolic calling, writes that the Gentiles are also *called to belong to Jesus Christ*. In the Gospel, the Lord's angel comes to Joseph in a dream and reveals the circumstances of Mary's pregnancy, and what this means. Joseph obeys the angel's commands.



Christmas Blessings

Giving Last Week		Week 50	12/15/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$2375.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$106.00	Received This Week	\$2,579.00
Immac Concep	\$10.00	YTD Needed	\$78,000.00
Votive Candles	\$88.00	YTD Received	\$80,675.35
Total	\$2579.00	Difference	2,675.35

<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
We have the following dates available for the next few months: Jan. 3, 17, 21, 22, 24, 28, & 31. Feb. 4, 8, 14, 18, 19, 22, 25, 28, & 29.	
Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.	
Dec. 21 - 4:00 PM ~ †Ben and Sandy Roskos	
Dec. 22 - 9:15 AM ~ †Kylie Von Ruden	
Dec. 24 -4:00 PM ~ †Bernard and Cecilia Humfeld	
Dec. 25 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter	
Dec. 27 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family	
Dec. 28 - 4:00 PM ~ †Edward and Anna Kerska	
Dec. 29 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter	

<u>Next Week in Service</u>		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you		
Christmas	Sat., Dec. 24 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 25 9:15 AM
Servers:	Brittney Mislivecek Maddy VonFeldt	Volunteers
Reader (s):	Marlene Humfeld	Pat Baranczyk
Communion Minister (s):	Virginia Nerison	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Jim Fleming and Volunteer
	Sat., Dec. 28 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 29 9:15 AM
Servers:	VOLUNTEERS	Volunteers
Reader (s):	Nancy Peters	Ryan Goodwin
Communion Minister (s):	Marge Antoniewicz	Sue Humfeld
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Dave Humfeld and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Laura Wiczorek and Curt Horman	

<u>Annual Appeal 2019-20</u>		
As of 12/03/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$7,650.00	\$7,000.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Amt Over Target	<u>(\$4,105.00)</u>	<u>(\$4,755.00)</u>
Percent Pledged: 65.08%, Percent Received: 59.55%		
Number Contributing	25	

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Dec. 21	4:00 PM	Welcome Fr. Kennedy
Dec. 22		NO Religious Education Classes—Merry Christmas!
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 24	9:15 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 29		NO Religious Education Classes—Happy New Year!
Dec. 31	6:00 PM *updated	New Year's Eve Mass—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God— Holy Day of Obligation.
Jan. 1	8:00 AM	NO MASS—Happy New Year!
Jan. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12		NO Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12* Updated	After Mass	Coffee and Donut Fellowship—all are welcome to join us downstairs, including new or visiting parishioners
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting

Parish Announcements

With Much Gratitude

Virginia Nerison has served as a Eucharistic Minister here at St. Mary's since 2002. She will help in this ministry for a last time on Christmas Eve. Thank you, Virginia, for stepping up to help our parish, and also for having the wisdom to step back and let others lead, too. Let's all remember each other with gratitude, love, and prayer during our Christmas Eucharist!

Thanks from Fr. Matt

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards, words, and gifts offered to me at this Christmastime. I am very grateful to live and work here at St. Mary's. Your encouragement only renews my desire to be all I can be. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Day Carols in Church

Anyone who would like to join in Christmas caroling prior to Mass on Christmas Day, please come up to the choir loft before Mass. We will start singing about 9:00AM

New Liturgical Ministry Schedules

There are new schedules for January through March for Readers, Communion Ministers and Ushers in the back of church and online. Altar servers signup online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4>

Confessions offered at the Cathedral

Confession on December 23rd from 9 AM - 6 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse. Fr. Matt will be hearing Confessions from 4 - 6 PM at the Cathedral on the 23rd, so will Bishop Callahan!



Christmas Flower Donations

We are still accepting donations for flowers. A current list of donors is posted in the back of church.

Spending Christmas Alone?

No one should have to spend Christmas alone. Fr. Matt warmly invites any parishioner to join him and his mom for Christmas Dinner at 1 PM on Christmas Day. **Please call or e-mail Fr. Matt this week to RSVP.** All are welcome to join, but a head count beforehand is very helpful!

A Bulletin Just for Kids

Each week we now have a children's version of the bulletin. It contains activities about the weekend reading. They are fun! Feel free to have a look at one on your way out today. It is for the young and the young at heart!

Calendars and Contribution Envelopes for 2020

Please pick up your 2020 Contributions envelopes from the back of church, if you do not have a box and would like one, please call the Rectory at 608-452-3841. Also available are the 2020 Liturgical Calendars, sponsored by the PCCW.

It's the Last Weekend to Donate to the CV Lions Tree Lighting Food Pantry Fundraiser

Last year St. Mary's parishioners and the Men's Club contributed a total of \$701.00!!! Our goal is to raise \$1.00 more this year. To contribute use the food pantry collection basket in the back of church. The collection runs the weekend of Nov. 2-3 until the weekend of Dec. 21-22. Please be generous and help us and the Lions' reach our goals. **(The Food Pantry is able to purchase \$18 worth of food for every \$1 that is donated!!!)**

Donut Sunday—January 12th to Welcome our New Parish Members from the past year. Please join us downstairs for some fresh donuts and beverages, and get to know your fellow parishioners. All are welcome, including guests!

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

Amazon Smile is the charitable arm of Amazon.com,

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please choose St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: [amazon.com/smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" or simply **click the link on our parish website: stmarycv.org**

WI Right To Life Signature Ad

We invite you to join other prolife members of our community in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life. This annual signature ad commemorating all the precious lives lost to abortion will be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday, January 19th. If you would like to be included in the ad, please add your name to the clipboard in back of church. The ad costs close to \$4000 so, if you are able, please donate \$3 per name or \$5 per family. **Last date to signup for the ad will be January 8th.**

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Not Feeling Christmas?

Immanuel Lutheran in Viroqua will be offering a "Blue Christmas" service at **6 PM this Sunday (12/22)**. This service is open to anyone for whom Christmas does not bring great feelings of joy, but the need to process life's journey and loss. Fran Felton, a music therapist, from Mayo Hospice will lead music.

Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message

Bishop Callahan's recorded Christmas video message is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Gxxifp6s4Y&feature=youtu.be>

Lectio Eucharist Study Group

During the season of Lent 2020 the Diocese of La Crosse is encouraging as many parishes as possible to offer a study entitled "Lectio Eucharist." It is a 10-session course that explores Sacred Scripture, history and the Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the miracle of the Holy Eucharist. They would like to see it offered at our parish along with St. Peter's. The course is offered at several parishes in La Crosse at various times. Classes will begin the week of January 26 and conclude by Holy Week. These are powerful courses to deepen your knowledge of our faith. You are always welcome to attend at any of the parishes. Parishes offering the course are St. James, Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's, Holy Trinity, Mary Mother of the Church, Newman Center, and

Cathedral and possibly St. Joseph Ridge Parish. See the flyers and registration information in the back of church.

Door of Hope Volunteer Options

We are looking for volunteers during business hours on Tuesday and Friday 10 AM to 2 PM for the following positions: Office Receptionist (would like 2 more), general cleaning and organizing person, and 2 people with basic carpenter skills and tools to help install shelving in laundry room. We are located at 304 N. Washington Ave., Viroqua. Please call 608-637-8688, if no answer, please leave a message or call Aaron Berg at 608-606-5651. Thank you.

Wondering if a tv show or movie is family friendly?

[Plugged In](http://PluggedIn.com) reviews movies, videos, music, TV and games from a Christian perspective. "We're shining a light on the world of popular entertainment". Their website can be accessed in both English and Spanish. It rates today's entertainment and helps families make better entertainment choices. [Plugged In](http://PluggedIn.com) is affiliated with Focus on the Family. pluggedin.com

March for Life!

Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah.

See www.diolc.org/respect-life for more information

Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020

Major diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. Visit www.diolc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/ for information and online registration.

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19
La Crosse – Sunday:
9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) –
Sunday: 7 AM & 11
AM Daily: 7 AM &
6 PM

Catholic

Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic
Cable Television
Vernon Telephone
Cable – Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15
– Coon Valley
Chan 74 – La Crosse
also available via
satellite

Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at nfp@diolc.org



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.
- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. If you use online banking you may make your contribution using bill pay. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).