

# St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

**Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay**

April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | Reading 551A

## CONNECT WITH US

### PASTOR

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### Office Hours in the Sacristy

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### Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

### Bulletins

*Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior*

### Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am\*

*\*Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

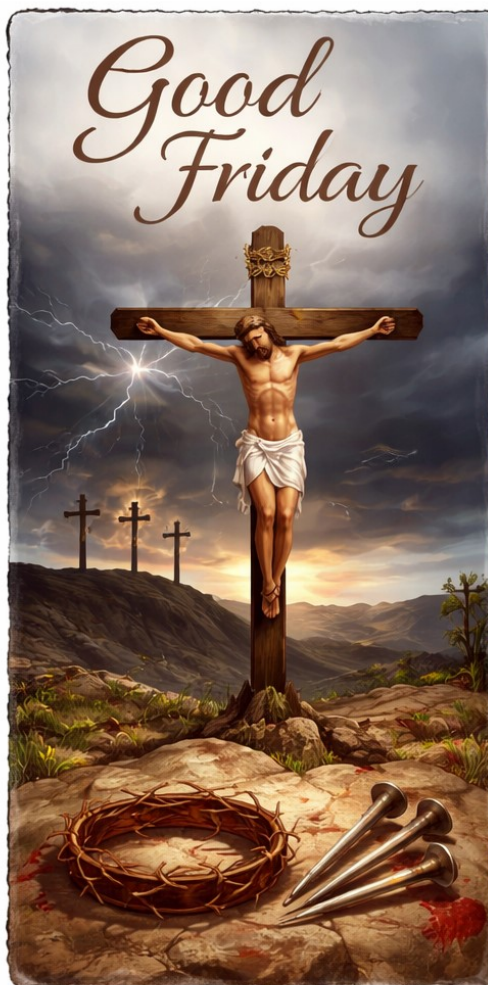
Thursday | 8:00am

### Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

### Devotions

**Adoration** Tuesday | 4:30pm



### Administrative Assistant

Amy Stafslie 608-452-3841  
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### 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

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

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548  
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643  
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

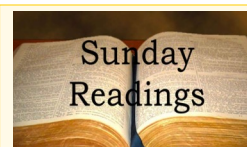
### Fr. Joe also serving:

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

Mass Times:

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

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm  
Fri - 8:00am



**April 5, 2026**  
 1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
 2) Colossians 3:1-4  
 3) John 20:1-9

**Intentions / Schedule**

**FRIDAY, April 3**

*Good Friday*  
 - 3:00 pm Service

**SATURDAY, April 4**

*Holy Saturday*  
 -Mass (IN VIROQUA ONLY)- 8:30pm

**SUNDAY, April 5**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
 -8:00 am Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

**TUESDAY, April 7**

*Easter Weekday*  
 - 4:30-5:00 pm Adoration  
 - 5:15 pm Mass - † the most forgotten souls

**THURSDAY, April 9**

*Easter Weekday*  
 - 8:00 am Mass - † Laura Adams

**SATURDAY, April 11**

*2nd Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy*  
 -4:00 pm Mass - † Joseph and Albina Sedevie  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

**SUNDAY, April 12**

*2nd Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy*  
 -8:00 am Mass - For the People  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin  
 Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

- **Apr 4 ~ Easter Vigil**  
8:30 PM in Viroqua
- **Apr 5 ~ Easter Sunday - 8:00 AM Here**
- **Apr 7 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM**
- **Apr 11 ~ Fr. Joe's Birthday!**  
~ *Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner* 4-7 PM  
**March FoF Community Volunteer Activity** will be to help with Spaghetti Dinner on April 11th.
- **Apr 12 ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua**  
~ 1st Communion class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Apr 13 ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM**
- **Apr 14 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM**
- **Apr 16 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass**
- **Apr 18/19 ~ Special collection for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**
- **Apr 19 ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass, End of Year Party and Journey Board Presentation**  
~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Cecilia Guild  
~ 1st Communion make up class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Apr 22 ~ Reconciliation 6-7 PM in Viroqua for 1st Communicants.**
- **Apr 21 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM**
- **Apr 25 ~ 1st Communicants Retreat 10AM-3PM at the Leum Residence.**  
~ **PCCW Spring Luncheon 11 AM-1PM**

**Mass Intentions**

Below are open dates for the next few months.

- Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Apr 26. May 2 or 3, 16, 17, 24, & 30. Jun 21 & 28.
- Open Weekdays:** Apr 28. May 5, 7, 12, 19, 26 and 28. Jun 2, 16, 18, 23, 25 & 30.



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 [stmarysev@mwt.net](mailto:stmarysev@mwt.net) or voice message 608-452-3841.



**Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
 As of April 1, 2026  
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00  
**Payments received: \$74,973.50**  
 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		3/29/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,090.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	256.00	Received This Week	\$1,412.00
Votive Candles	66.00	Total needed	\$26,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,412.00</b>	YTD Received	\$23,615.49
Food Pantry	\$115.00	Difference	(2,384.51)

Giving Last Week		3/22/2026	
Adult Env	\$2,030.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	354.25	Received This Week	\$2,384.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,384.25</b>	Total needed	\$24,000.00
Easter Flowers	\$520.00	YTD Received	\$22,203.49
Uganda	\$50.00	Difference	(1,796.51)

**Annual Appeal 2025-2026**

As of 4/1/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$17,825.00	\$14,206.69
Target Amount	<u>\$14,565.00</u>	<u>\$14,565.00</u>
<b>Over/Under Target</b>	<b>\$3,260.00</b>	<b>(\$358.31)</b>
Percent Pledged: 120.32% , Percent Received: 97.54%		
Number Contributing: 26		
To donate online, visit: <a href="https://diolc.org/stewardship/">https://diolc.org/stewardship/</a> and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

## From the Pastor

Hello friends, and happy Easter!

First, I want to thank you for entering into Lent with such willing hearts this year. I found the inclusion of the Litany of Humility important for a few reasons: A) little acts of obedience like a “yes” to the Bishop’s request for daily engagement with it bear remarkable spiritual fruit; B) this Lent just felt a bit more cohesive/tied-together to me, like this overarching prayer offered a binding agent to it all; and C) (even if it felt simple) this brought us together in a radical spiritual openness to the Holy Spirit. With pride being the primordial turning-away from God and turning-inward of Lucifer’s fall, humility is (for us here on Earth, bound by baptism to Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection) a powerful sharing in Jesus Christ’s work of salvation and turning-back-out to God and the other. Anyhow, this prayer together was more important and impactful on the inside than it may have seemed on the outside, and I am grateful to you for following me in following the Bishop into it.

Second, I want to wish you again a very happy Easter! For forty-something days we’ve been preparing for the last few days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday), doing this intentional and often difficult work of inviting the Holy Spirit into our hearts, our lives, and our stories. Many of the Gospel encounters we’ve been praying with – the Samaritan Woman at the well, the Man born Blind, Lazarus and Martha and Mary, etc. – have reflected this exact opening-up-the-depths-of-the-heart that marks a Lent done well. All of these moments are designed to make us aware of the very real death that Jesus enters into, culminating in these deep meditations on Palm Sunday and Good Friday on Jesus’ own suffering and death – His descent into hell, into the post-original-sin separation of the human person from God. This itself is its own preparation for what happens at Easter – it’s saying “now that I’ve taken a bit more time becoming aware of the reality of death, let’s dive headfirst into just how impactful it is that Jesus didn’t stay dead, that He rose to new life, and, even more amazingly, draws you and me into new life with Him.” This movement (Jesus’ suffering→death→resurrection) is the heart of what we do, of who we are, and of what we are constantly receiving from the Lord.

Anyhow, take all of this as an encouragement to enter into the next fifty days as earnestly as you did the last forty-something. I think it’s important to remember that Easter lasts longer than Lent, even if Easter decorations will be disappearing from store shelves in roughly seven and a half hours. Next step for us, let’s learn how to live the resurrection with Jesus and each other!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

### Men’s Club Spaghetti Dinner—Apr 11



The Men’s Club will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on **April 11, from 4-7 PM** in the church basement. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. **Help spread the word by posting a flyer in the community (extra flyers are in the back of the church) and sharing on Facebook.**

### Special Collection for the DCCW– April 18 & 19

We will be taking a special collection April 18 & 19 in support of the DCCW to help fund the many programs they support. Some of the programs included are: Relevant Radio, Water for Life, the Madonna Plan, Project Milk, the Vocation Purse Club, Casa Hogar, Catholic Relief Services diocesan warming shelters, and our seminarians. They also provide grants and scholarships, such as Students for Life, Catholic College Grant, FOCUS Campus Ministry, camps, mission work, Catholic School Classrooms, Retrouvaille, and the Human Trafficking Ministry. Thank you for your generous donation to help support these worthy programs.

### Spring Luncheon - Apr 25

The spring luncheon will be Sat., April 25 serving 11-1. Our guest speaker is John Zak from Viroqua Parish. St. Rose and St. Theresa Guilds will be providing the salads this year. Members are asked to provide their recipe for the salad they bring and these will be posted. This year's cost is \$10/person and free for children 10 and under. All are welcome to attend. Flyers will be included in NEXT weekends bulletin.

### Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to all who donated, reminder: *donations exceeding the expense of Easter Flowers will be used towards church decorations.*

### CRS Rice Bowl & MCA Mite Boxes

Please turn in your Rice Bowls and Mite boxes by dropping them in the collection basket.

### Dear Friends of Coon Valley Catholic Church,

We want to thank you again for allowing us to use your sign to promote our Retro Dinner (March 8)! Your location is perfect for getting the community’s attention. Thank you for making a difference! We had over 116 guests!--the most ever in church dinner history)...THANK YOU!

Your friends at Coon Valley Lutheran!

*“The richness of life lies in the memories we have forgotten.”*

### A Table Together

You are invited to a free community meal where neighbors come together to share good food and warm fellowship. Join us on **Wednesday, April 15, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Coon Valley Lutheran Church, 1005 Central Ave, Coon Valley.** Dinner will be BBQs and macaroni salad plus dessert and beverage. All are welcome as neighbors connect

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

and friendships grow in Christ's love. [meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org](mailto:meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org). **Gather. Share. Be Fed.**

### Project Seed Sales Coming in the Spring

Farmers, the final date held by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high-quality, low-cost seed is approaching. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative.

Sale dates and locations:

- April 11 - 11 AM-1 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Cassel

For more information, call Scott Mohr at 608-769-2764, or Steve Mohr at 608-780-5460.

### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 AM Latin Mass

11:00 AM Spanish Mass

12:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Spanish)

1:00 PM English Mass

2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection & Consecration

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:15 PM Benediction & Reposition

3:30 PM St. Faustina Relic Blessing & Veneration

Confessions will be available 30 minutes before AM Masses and 12 Noon - 4 PM.

Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims.

Polish food and Divine Mercy sundaes in honor of St. Faustina available all day at the Culina Mariana Cafe.

For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.



### Making Saints Catholic Campus Ministry Banquet 2026

We invite you to join us at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on **Saturday, April 18th** for an evening of celebration and community, raising support for our La Crosse Catholic Campus Ministry. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from our students as they share the great things the Lord is doing in their hearts and on campus. Join us for cocktails, dinner, a silent and dessert auction, and of course - swing dancing to finish off the night. Registration is open now. \$50 per ticket. Please contact Adele with any questions - [media@newmanlc.org](mailto:media@newmanlc.org)



### Lend a helping hand

#### Volunteer for Neighbors Day 2026!

We need you! April 25th is approaching quickly. Join over 500 volunteers to help community neighbors in the city of La Crosse to prepare their homes for spring. Volunteers are tasked with raking leaves and trimming shrubs. Register at: [donate.habitatlacrosse.org](https://donate.habitatlacrosse.org)

### Hope for Today - LDCCW Biennial Convention - Apr 25

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding their biennial convention on Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. It will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church at 223 Maple Street, Arcadia, WI. The keynote speaker will be La Crosse Bishop Gerard Battersby. For more

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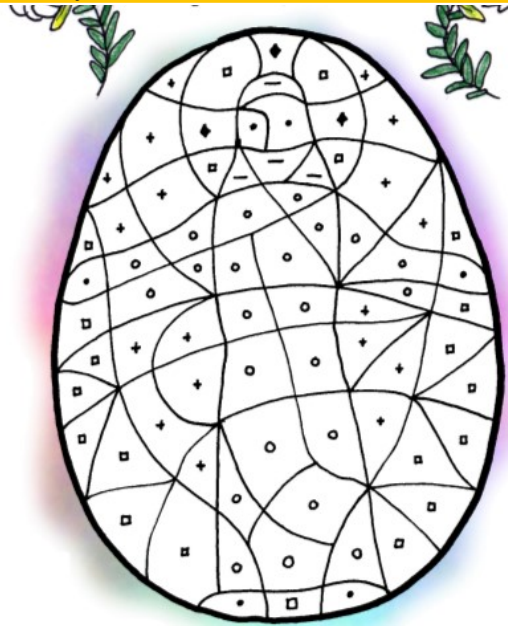
information and a registration brochure visit their website at [www.ldccw.com](http://www.ldccw.com).

### Join us for the Wisconsin March for Life

Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2-4pm

Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps, 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703. All Wisconsinites are invited to participate in this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. Signs will be provided. The following buses to Madison are available for \$15/person or \$45/family: Wausau-Stevens Point; Onalaska-Sparta-Wisconsin Dells; Chippewa Falls-Mauston. Visit: <https://marchforlifewisconsin.org/>

## Activity Corner



*The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!*

- |          |          |               |
|----------|----------|---------------|
| ◆ Red    | ◆ Purple | • Skin-colour |
| ■ Yellow | - Brown  | ○ White       |

**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](http://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](http://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments). Then mail or email it to [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) and [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto: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](http://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  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Coon Valley, WI

Plate of Spaghetti or Pasta  
with meatballs, garlic bread,  
and salad. Coffee Milk or  
Water to drink.

Ice Cream for dessert

**SATURDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00-7:00PM

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Wine and beer will be  
available for purchase*

**\$12  
ADULTS  
\$ 5 KIDS  
UNDER 12**



Good food. Great community.

**Carry-outs will be  
available**

# Easter Flower Donations in Memory/Honor of:

**Gary Anderson**  
**Tyler Turben**

By Sharon and Sara Anderson

**Cole James Berra**

By Dennis and Kay Berra

**Adrienne Nodland**

**Gloria Bradley**

By Keith and Jody Boraas

**Jim and Betty Callan**

**Bob and Leona Welsh**

By Michael and Karen Callan

**Fleming and Ollendick Families**

**Jan Brandau and Family**

By Jim and Barb Fleming

**Larry and Myrtle Geier**

**Mary Brueggen**

**Chuck and Theresa Brueggen**

By Curt and Jean Geier

**John and Maria Rabotski**

**Art and Evelyn Gajewski**

By Don and Mary Gajewski

**Arlene and Norbert Seichter**

**Stella and Joseph Grabowski**

By Steve and Michelle Grabowski

**Adam Hemmersbach**

**Arnold and DeMarie Hemmersbach**

**Ione Hauser and PJ Hauser**

**Doug Rude**

By Stan and Lori Hemmersbach

**Joan Urbanek**

**Daniel Urbanek**

**Reiny and Darlene Kammel**

**Karen Williams**

By Mike and Clarice Kammel

**Edward and Anna Kerska**

By Robert E. Kerska

**Bernard and Cecilia Humfeld**

**Larry Humfeld**

**Corrine Mislivecek**

By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

**Ralph Pedretti**

By Andrew Pedretti

**Mary Louise Starch**

**Connie Peterson**

**Jayne (Peterson) Frydenlund**

By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

**Donald and Rita Weber**

**Alfred and Mildred Roesler**

By John and Carol Roesler

**Roskos and Roningen Families**

By Rosey Roningen

**Kevin Marx**

**Mitchell Simonson**

By Richard and Jenna Schams

**Toni Sheehan and Ray Sheehan**

By Maripat Sheehan

**Leyton and Helen Stafslie**

**Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski**

**Nicole Amor**

By Amy Stafslie and Family

**Dan Tiedeman**

**Don and Pat Kammel**

By Caroline Tiedeman

**Kylie Von Ruden**

By Bruce, Shirley, Chase and

Kenzie Von Ruden

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish. If you made a donation and do not see your name listed here, please contact the parish office.

Any donations received above and beyond the cost of the Easter flowers will be used to support additional church décor.

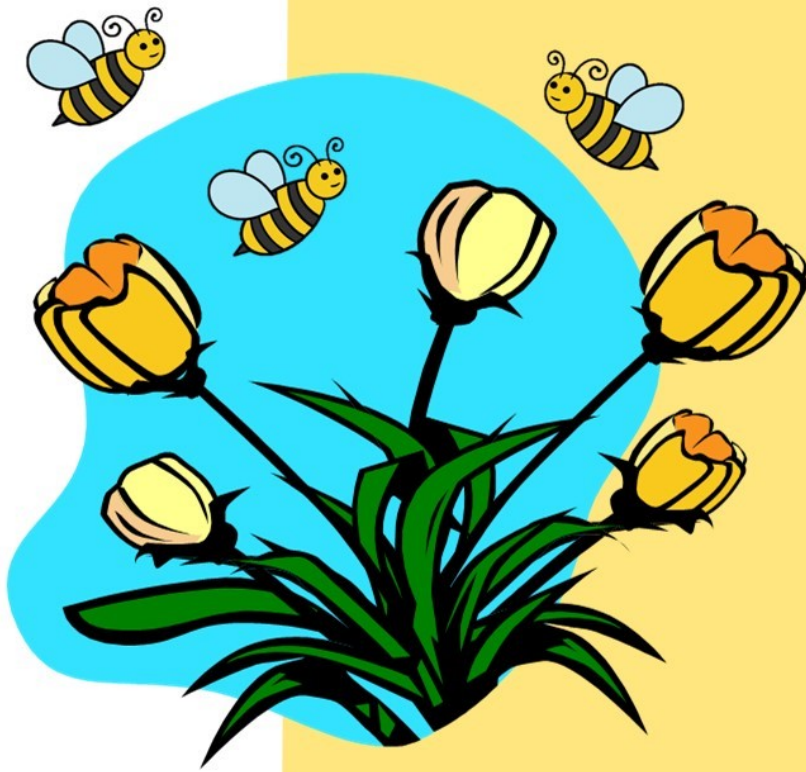
Donations received after this publication will be added to the list and posted in the back of the church.

HAPPY  
Easter

# Spring Luncheon

**Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Date: Saturday, April 25th, 2026**



Only \$10 per person  
Children 10 & under are  
free

Open to the general  
public. Invite your family  
and friends and join us  
for lunch.

At 11:30 a.m. guest  
speaker - John Zak. He  
will make a presentation  
entitled Why is There  
Contention Between  
Science & Religion These  
Days-Is it Real! John was a  
Professor Emeritus in the  
Department of Biological  
Sciences at Texas Tech  
University for almost 40  
years. He has also taught  
faith-centered adult  
education classes.

Door Prizes

Event held by St. Mary's  
PCCW. All proceeds go to  
support St. Mary Parish.

**Questions? Call 608-452-3841**

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