

**PASTOR**

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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.....5:15 pm

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](mailto: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

vacancy)

**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

Sunday .....10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 5:15 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.stmarycv.org/visit-us](http://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:** Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [fatherjoerichards@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjoerichards@gmail.com) You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://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](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.

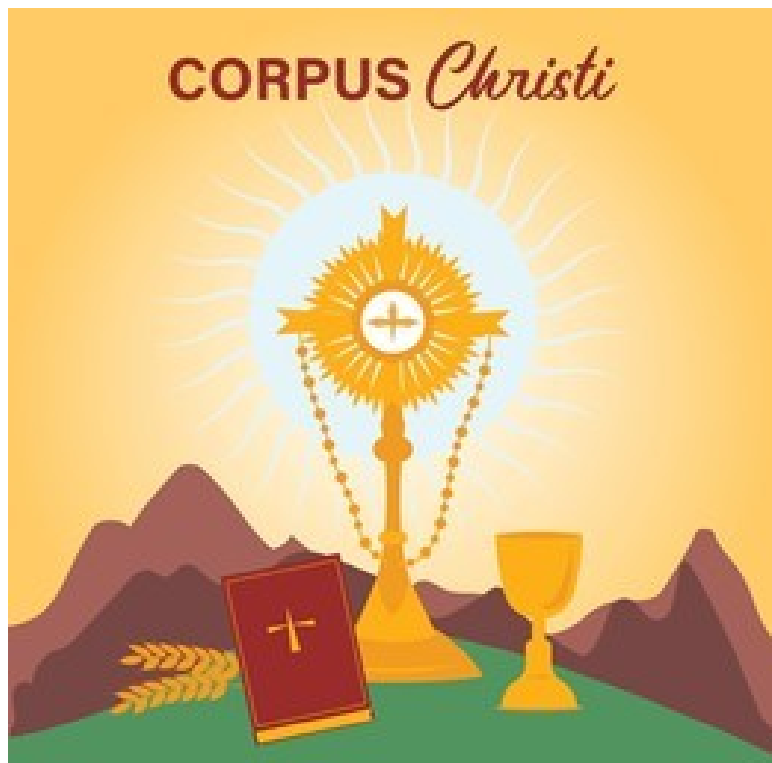
# St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

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Commitment  
Weekend




Inspired **BY THE SPIRIT**

*Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor*

*June 11, 2023*

*Readings: 572A*

**St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI**  
*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi*



**Sunday Readings**  
**June 11, 2023**

1) *Deuteronomy* 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 2) *1 Corinthians* 10:16-17; 3) *John* 6:51-58

**Intentions**

Jun 10 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Jun 11 ~ 8:00 AM - † Kylie Von Ruden
Jun 13 ~ 5:15 PM - Our Parish Family
Jun 15 ~ 8:00 AM - † Joan Clements
Jun 17 ~ 4:00 PM - Our Parish Family
Jun 18 ~ 8:00 AM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roninggen Families

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**


- **June 15** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **June 27** ~ Fr. Joe's Anniversary of Ordination (2020)
- **July 11** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM

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

**CONFESSIONS**


**Saturday**  
 3:15pm to 3:45pm

**Sunday**  
 7:15am to 7:45am



**Mass Intentions**


If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.  
**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jul 2, 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20. Sep 17.  
**Weekdays open:** Jun 22. Aug 1, 29, & 31.  
 If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.




**Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:**  
<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or  
<https://masstimes.org/>

**Directory photos planned for September 2023**

If you are interested in helping with this project message the parish office or contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198.



**Next Week in Service — Jun 17/18**



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

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

**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.
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](http://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).

**Fr. Joe's Office Hours:**  
**Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time)** and **Thurs. 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.

Needed for the Month of June	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,299.00	Received as of week 1
<b>(\$6,701.00)</b>	Short for the Month

**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.

Giving Last Week		Week 23	6/4/2023
Adult Env(29)	\$1175.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$77.00	Received This Week	\$1,299.00
Pentecost	\$10.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$46,000.00
<u>Votives</u>	<u>\$37.00</u>	YTD Received	\$40,015.15
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,299.00</u></b>	Difference	(5,984.85)
Food Pantry	\$45.00		
Mem. Day/Cem	\$70.00		

## From the Pastor and Seminarian



Hello friends,

I am back! I watched Fr. Sam's Mass last weekend, and I'll have some words with him. In the meantime, it's good to be back after an excellent pilgrimage. One of the greatest gifts of the whole experience was the group we went with – 35 young men and women who in some capacity, have been involved with FOCUS (the college missionaries, not the marriage inventory). I knew a few of them beforehand, but for the most part, the first time I said "hello" to the pilgrims I followed it quickly with "I'm Fr. Joe." The group had good chemistry, and the Holy Spirit was moving in a powerful way throughout the trip. Thank you again for your own generosity in giving me so much time away at once – there are very real costs involved in the pastor going away for a while (such as losing daily Masses and postponing administrative decisions and action), so let me reassure you that this pilgrimage was exactly what my heart needed in this season. Now we're back to work!

Seminarian John has checked in for the next few months. He's staying with me up in Viroqua, and while he's here he'll be doing a few things around both parishes as well as going up to La Crosse a few days a week to work with the Vocations Office. I asked him to write up another introduction for himself, which you can find just below. In the meantime, let me re-re-encourage you to set up getting together with him. Six weeks goes awfully fast. Just like I'm asking you to get out of your comfort zone with the campaign this weekend, even (especially) if you feel like that's something for someone else, don't be afraid to go out on a limb and invite John into your life (sooner than later)! Check out his bulletin article for more.

With a lot going on this weekend, that's it for now.

God bless you! ~ Fr. Joe

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Hello all,

I am officially back for the summer and am excited to get know the St. Mary's community more. For those that may have missed the bulletin from a few weeks ago, my name is John Francis, and I am a seminarian hailing from Chippewa Falls, WI. I am starting my first year of Pre-Theology at St. Francis de Sales Seminary this Fall (after completing a pre-seminary program in La Crosse this past year). I am grateful for the opportunity to be here and it is my goal to learn about you all, your stories and serve the wonderful parishioners in whatever capacity I can through God's grace. Because of the short amount of time, I am here I would appreciate it if you feel comfortable, to reach out to me to get together for a meal, games or some activity. I am always willing to try new things, and especially love being outdoors. I promise Fr. Joe did not put me up to this to try to get me out of the house, but an earnest attempt to grow in relationship. The easiest way to contact me is by email: [johnhfrancis3@gmail.com](mailto:johnhfrancis3@gmail.com) (don't forget the "h" in the middle). I look forward continuing getting to know you all and serving this great parish community.

God bless, John

## Parish Announcements

### Inspired by the Spirit Commitment Weekend

Inspired by the Spirit campaign addresses the extraordinary needs of the parish that cannot be met through regular weekend collections. These projects involve maintenance and improvements for our worship space, parish grounds and rectory; therefore, we need to make a special effort to achieve our goal. We are hoping to complete the campaign in just a few short weeks. The next step is Commitment Weekend being held this weekend. It is an opportunity for each and every one of us to make a pledge right now and join the seven other families who have already committed. Please prayerfully consider how you might best help achieve our goal and complete a pledge card today.

### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

We prayerfully ask you to consider your pledge/contribution to the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign which includes this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Pledge weekend will be coming up in June.

The funds raised will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of June 7, 2023

Pledges received at the Diocese(7): \$35,100.00

Payments received at the Diocese: \$7,940.00



### New Clavinova Piano has arrived!

Our musicians are very excited and wish to thank the parishioners at St. Mary's, Coon Valley for the beautiful electric Clavinova Piano and for Fr. Joe's enthusiasm and recognition that a new one was in order. They want to share their gratitude and are excited to be able to continue to praise our Lord with music and song using such a wonderful instrument. ~ Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte and Christ Carskadon

### Sittin Pretty Farm Celebration – Jun 27

On Tuesday, June 27th at Sittin Pretty Farm in Viroqua from 5 to 7 PM there will be food for sale and from 7 to 9 PM music by Spunky Bumpkins. There will also be beverages for sale. Bring lawn chairs. A few of St Mary's parishioners are going and inviting others to join us. The profits go to Chaseburg Soleburner. The address is S5990 Chamberlain Ridge Rd. Viroqua, Wis. It is 6 miles out of Viroqua on County NN. The phone number is 608-632-6325. For more information visit their website at: [www.sittinprettyfarm.org](http://www.sittinprettyfarm.org).

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Fran. Spirituality Center wants to hear from you! - Jun 14

Please join us for a Community Conversation and Picnic-Style Dinner on June 14th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Center, 920 Market St, La Crosse. We are seeking an adults only interactive discussion to explore grief support and spiritual needs. Registration requested for meal purposes call 608-791-5295.

### Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp! Jul 21-23

The next Family camp date for summer 2023 is July 21-23! To come to family camp, you simply must be a family interested in deepening your family's faith, together, in the great outdoors! For more information, visit [www.crosswoods.camp/](http://www.crosswoods.camp/)

### GRACE Drive - month of June

Giving Resources and Community Engagement Drive from June 1 to June 30 to build Community Bags. Items needed: diapers, wipes, baby clothes, feminine produces, hygiene products, monetary donations and gift cards. Drop off between 9AM and 3 PM Mon-Thur at 3710 East Ave. S, La Crosse. Everyone who donates will be entered for a gift cared drawing! Four \$25 give cards will be given away. Questions, email: [mbrennan@cclse.org](mailto:mbrennan@cclse.org) For additionally needed items, scan the QR code from the flyer in back of church.

### 5 Day Youth Choir Camp - Jun 19-23

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18) June 19-23, 2023, 9:15am - Noon . Many elements of music will be studied each day. The entire group will come together twice each day, singing things they've learned, and will also sing for the 12:15pm Mass in the Shrine Church each of the five days.

Register online at [www.guadalupeshrine.org/sacred-music](http://www.guadalupeshrine.org/sacred-music) or contact Scott Turkington [sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org](mailto:sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org)

### March for Life - Jun 24

The 3rd annual March for Life Wisconsin is fast approaching! This year, pro-lifers all across the state will be gathering on Saturday, June 24th in Madison WI, to peacefully and prayerfully march for an end to abortion in our world. You can find more details on our website at: <https://www.prolifewi.org/marchforlife>.

### St. Charles, Genoa Homecoming Celebration - July 2

The 120th annual St. Charles Homecoming Celebration will be held **after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 2**, at the church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include Rooster Andy's grilled chicken and sides, and homemade risotto made by parish members. Kid hot dog meals will also be available. Cost is \$15 for a chicken dinner or \$6 for a hot dog meal. Raffles, a bake sale, beverages and kid games will also be available. Please note this celebration is no longer held on Independence Day.

### Dare to Follow and Evening of Discernment Options

*Dare to Follow* is for young men ages 12-16 who are interested about the vocation of the priesthood. Learn more about your Catholic faith while considering God's Call in your life. Join us for prayer and FUN! 9:30 AM to 4 PM

*Evening of Discernment* if for men ages 17 and above. Join us for prayer and reflection while we hear from seminarians and priest about vocational discernment. 5 PM to 8 PM

There is no charge to attend this events and you may attend any location. Lunch and dinner is provide. Please email [abruennen@diolc.org](mailto:abruennen@diolc.org) or [rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org) or call 608-791-2667 to register. Dates and locations: July 7 at Diocese of La Crosse, July 20 ant Queen of the Apostles in Tomah. Additional dates posted on the flyer in back of the church.

## Activity Corner



### Gospel Match-up



How well do you know today's Gospel story? See if you can match up the first parts with the second parts of what Jesus told the people.



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|---|----------|---------------------------------------|
| I am the living bread   | <b>A</b> | <b>1</b> food indeed,                 |
| if any one eats of this bread,                                  | <b>B</b> | <b>2</b> which came down from heaven; |
| the bread which I shall give for the life of the world          | <b>C</b> | <b>3</b> abides in me, and I in him.  |
| Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, | <b>D</b> | <b>4</b> you have no life in you      |
| For my flesh is   | <b>E</b> | <b>5</b> is drink indeed.             |
| and my blood  | <b>F</b> | <b>6</b> he will live for ever;       |
| He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood                        | <b>G</b> | <b>7</b> is my flesh.                 |

ANSWERS: A-2, B-6, C-7, D-4, E-1, F-5, & G-3



### 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)