

St. Mary's Parish

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Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday and Friday - 8:00 AM

Area Parishes:

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.

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 contact Fr. Matt to register for Baptism preparation. Preparation should be completed before the birth of your child, if possible.

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.

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 prayer requests will be included in the Mass intercessions.

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It's Friday, November 16th and I am finishing up my article at the kitchen table. My cat, Keiko, is laying just behind my laptop and I am totally stumped. I don't know how to put into words what Thanksgiving Day is all about. But that's it! (Yes, you are reading are sorta reading this article in real time.) The fact that I am at a loss for words maybe says exactly what this day is about. Because there is really more to be thankful for than we can put into words, isn't there? The best we can do, to do it justice, is just to sit back at least, for some, one day and just let it totally wash over us. Some words from St. Ephrem come to mind:

"Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. And so whenever we discover some part of the treasure, we should never think that we have exhausted it all. Be glad you are overwhelmed! Don't be saddened because you are overcome! A thirsty person is happy when to be drinking, and isn't depressed because the spring remains. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more. Be thankful then for what you have received! And do not be saddened that such an abundance still remains. What you have received is your present share; what is left will be your heritage. Indeed what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So, do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once. Don't cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on."

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! So, thankful to be here at St. Mary's. I love you all very much,

Fr. Matt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

- 1) Daniel 12:1-3
- 2) Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
- 3) Mark 13:24-32

FOCUS: The Son of Man will gather his elect from the four winds.

The sacrifice of Jesus is perfect and complete, atoning for our sins, and he will one day come again to gather to his side all of us who have followed him. In doing this, he will judge between the living – those who have remained faithful to his commandments – and the dead: those who lived lives *not* as disciples. Christ's judgment, then, simply *reflects* our status, it doesn't *impose* it. God has chosen us for his own – we are the elect. Let us respond by choosing it for ourselves, as well.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daniel heard the word of the Lord describing an end time where those who sleep will either awake to life everlasting or to everlasting disgrace. In the second reading we hear that by Christ's one sacrifice, we are made perfect. In the Gospel, Jesus tells of the day that the Son of Man will come in glory to gather his elect.

Mass Intentions		
Nov 17	8:00 PM	†Jim Coonan
Nov 18	9:15 AM	The People of God
Nov 21	8:00 AM	†Jennette Bell
Nov 22	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving
Nov 23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Nov 24	4:00 PM	†Dennis LeJeune
Nov 25	9:15 AM	†George, Bette, and Braelyn Fleming

Happy
Thanksgiving

Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's.		
	Saturday, Nov 24 4:00 PM	Sunday, Nov 25 9:15 AM
Servers:	Madelyn VonFeldt, Rhianna and Jacqueline Steiger	Lily and Chloe Ackerman
Reader:	Robert Kerska	Carol Roesler
Communion Minister:	Marge Antoniewicz	John Roesler
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Dave Humfeld and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Laura Wieczorek and Curt Horman	

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
As of 11/15/2018		
	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$6,715.00	\$4,165.00
Target Amount*	<u>\$11,405.00</u>	<u>\$11,405.00</u>
Over/Under	(\$4,690.00)	(\$7,240.00)
Number Contributing	17	

Giving Last Week		Week 45	11/11/2018
Adult Envelopes	\$783.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$157.56	Received This Week	\$960.56
Pancake Brekfast	\$20.00	Running total Needed	\$63,000.00
Total	<u>\$960.56</u>	Running total Received	\$60,465.13
32 of 115 envelopes received		Difference	(2,534.87)
Fund for Charity	\$500.00		

Upcoming Events/Calendar

Nov. 18	After Mass	Religious Education Class
Nov 21	7:00 PM	<i>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service hosted by Pastor Julie Wollmann and Fr. Matt</i> at the Coon Valley Lutheran Church
Nov 22	8:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Nov 23	8:00 AM	<i>NO MASS</i>
Nov 25	Following Mass	NO Religious Education Class— <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
Nov 29	7-8:30 PM	Set up for Craft Show at Village Hall (Students to help)
Nov 30	6:00-8:00 PM	Crafter Setup and Decorating at the Village Hall (Student help)
Dec 1	8:00 AM to 1:30 PM	St. Mary's Annual Craft Show at the Village Hall
Dec 2	After Mass	Religious Education Class
Dec 4	6:00 PM	NEW!- Evening Weekday Mass
Dec 4	7:00 PM	Men's Club Meeting
Dec 7	8:00 AM	NO morning Mass
Dec 7	7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception- <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Dec 9	After Mass	Religious Education Class
Dec 12	6:30 PM	Ecumenical Prayer Service for the sick and suffering at Christmas hosted by Pastor Julie Wollmann and Fr. Matt at the Coon Valley Lutheran Church
Dec 15	After Mass	Movie Night and Celebration—send movie ideas to Fr. Matt
Dec 16	After Mass	Decorate the church for Christmas—please stay and help
Dec 19	7:00 PM	Penance Service with confessions (two priest available)
Dec 23		NO Religious Education Class
Dec 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25	9:15 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Jan 1	6:00 PM	New Year's Day Mass— <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>

Announcements

The St. Michael Prayer to Begin the Mass

Bishop Callahan has asked that we pray the St. Michael prayer together as a faith community during a time of hurt and confusion in the American church. We will begin Mass with the prayer right after the bell is rung. We will continue this prayer at least until the World's Bishops have met about the abuse crisis in February.

Tuesday Weekday Evening Mass Offered

Beginning in Advent Fr. Matt will be offering a new daily Mass in our parish's weekly schedule. **Starting Tuesday December 4th there will be a 6 PM Mass at St. Mary's every Tuesday.** Please spread the word around the area.

St. Mary's Craft Show-One Month Away!

St. Mary's Craft Show is on December 1, 2018, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Come to the Coon Valley Village Hall and see what treasures you can find. Free Admission! Crafter Registration and information may be found online at stmarycv.org under the *Craft Show* tab or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and Help St. Mary's Parish

Amazon Smile is now up and and running for our parish! *Amazon Smile* is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, and will now supporting St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon. Log in to: 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" in the search bar provided. .5% of all your Amazon purchases will then come back to St. Mary's as a gift from Amazon. Its not an enormous contribution, but every bit helps! If you have any troubles logging in, please contact Fr. Matt. He will drive over and set it up for you! Let's help make St. Mary's even stronger financially!

New Lector Workbooks Available

Workbooks for the new liturgical year, which begins Dec 1/2, are now available for pick up in the Sacristy.

2019 Calendars Have Arrived

The St. Mary's liturgical is a gift to you complements of the PCCW. Feel free to take one home with you today.

LIFETEEN Summer Camp

LIFETEEN is a Catholic Youth Ministry organization that develops Religious Education programs throughout the country. They also run a number of summer camps. In our Diocese

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La Crosse and Wausau area send a group each summer to their Camp Covecrest in Tiger, GA. If you will be entering 9th - 12th grade in the Fall 2019 you are eligible to attend. Fr. Matt is planning to go with the Aquinas students again this year and hopes some young people from our parish will be able to come along too. Registration is due soon. See this website for more info: <https://lifeteen.com/camps/camp-covecrest/>. Do not worry about price. Fr. Matt will help anyone who wants to attend to take part in this awesome camp. Any questions, please see Fr. Matt.

Mass Intentions Available

We have the following dates available for the next few weeks: Tuesday, Dec. 4—6:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 5—8:00 AM

Tuesday, Dec. 11—6:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 14—8:00 AM

Tuesday, Dec. 18—6:00 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 26—8:00 AM

Friday, Dec. 28—8:00 AM

Tuesday, Jan. 1—6:00 PM (Holy Day)

Wednesday, Jan 2—8:00 AM

Also, feel free to submit all your requests for 2019 to ensure you get that special date!

Did you have loss or damages because of the flood? Even if you have replaced or repaired the damages, you may still be entitled to benefits.

Please register for disaster assistance by December 17, 2018. See the insert in today's bulletin or the flyer in back of church.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Donations and the Christmas Tree Lighting

Again this year, the CV Lions will be hosting their Christmas Tree Lighting/Food Pantry Fundraiser project. Last year Saint Mary's parishioners and the Saint Mary's Men's Club contributed a total of \$775.00!!! (\$725 from parishioners), and our goal is to raise \$1.00 more this year... We will do the same as last year and use the food pantry collection basket in the back of church. All money that is in there, starting the weekend of October 27-28 until the weekend of December 22-23, will be designated as a contribution from Saint Mary's Parish to this Coon Valley Lions fundraiser. Please be generous and help us reach our goal and help the Coon Valley Lions reach their goal.

Free Thanksgiving Dinners—Thurs. Nov. 22

Viroqua—at St. Mary's (ABV Mary Parish)

La Crosse—Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner! ~ at the Civic Center. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information about this event, please visit <http://www.laxthanksgivingdinner.com>.

Confessions at MMOC—La Crosse

Wed., Dec. 5th Confessions at Mary, Mother of the Church in La Crosse. Fr. Matt assisting from 4 - 5 PM and 6:45 'til done.

PCCW NEWS:

Quilt Raffle winner during the Pancake Breakfast was Karen Ginther, Ron and Nancy Miller's daughter.

Craft Show Bake Sale: Each Parish family is asked to donate \$15.00 worth of baked goods. Drop off items Friday night at the Village Hall from 6-8 PM or Sat AM starting at 7 AM. If unable to contribute baked goods, cash donations accepted. Please make homemade items. Norwegian or Christmas baked goods are especially sought after and sell very well.

Craft Show Help—Adults and RE Students

Setup: Confirmation students are asked to help with setup on Thurs Dec 29th, 7 - 8:30 PM and Fri Dec 30th 6 - 8 PM.

Concessions: The sign-up sheet for the Concession stand for adults and CCD students is in the back of church. Shifts are 0730 - 9:30 AM, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, and 1130 - 13:30 PM

Saint Nicholas: Day of Celebration for Children

Hosted by the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday, December 1, 2018

SCHEDULE - 12:00 Refreshments & Cookies in the Pilgrim Center, 12:30 Arrival & Greeting, 1:00 Saint Nicholas tells his history & the Nativity story, 1:45 Saint Nicholas video in the Orientation Room, 2:15 Coloring activities, 3:00 Conclusion. Refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

For a complete schedule of the afternoon: <http://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/st-nicholas>

St. Charles Steak Fry

Sunday, Dec. 2, serving 11 AM-2:30 PM at the Retreat Sportsmen's Club, E3460 County Road N, DeSoto. Dinner Cost: \$13, includes a ticket for \$100 drawing, at 3:00 PM (must be present to win). Come enjoy good food, Packer game, big raffle, live auction, bucket raffles, refreshments and a silent auction. For info call 689-2642 or email stcharle@mwt.net.

Volunteers Needed

The La Crosse Warming Center is in need of night volunteers. Shifts typically are 9 p.m. - 2 a.m., and 2 a.m. - 8 a.m. If you are interested contact Leticia Silva, Center Coordinator at 608-519-8020 or Sr. Laurie Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator at 608-519-8043. There is also an application on our web page at www.cclse.org. Look under Get Involved - Volunteer.



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

Youth Religion Education Program:

Classes meet after the Sunday Mass from September to May. Coordinator: Paul Thompson. Email: thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

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

Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities offers many services in our diocese. Programs offered include: emergency services, adoption services, mental health counseling, financial counseling, HIV/AIDS ministries, immigration services, in-home support for children with disabilities, and domestic abuse services. For more information please call 1-888-212-HELP or visit www.cclse.org.