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St. Mary's, Coon Valley
Weekend Masses
- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 40 people)
- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 40 people)

Weekday Mass:
Tues. - 6:30 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua
Weekend Masses
- 6:30 PM Saturday
- 10:30 AM Sunday

Weekday Mass:
Wed. - 6:30 PM and Fri. - 8:00 AM

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of theSacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

Book of Prayer Requests: Please call or email Fr. Matt to have and intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

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Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

April 11, 2021

Readings: 552B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021
1) Acts 4:32-35
2) 1 John 5:1-6
3) John 20:19-31

FOCUS: Faith in Jesus' resurrection has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those around us.

All three readings show the transformative power of belief in Jesus' resurrection. Saint John tells us that we become children of God through this belief. Thomas acknowledges Jesus as Lord and God in the Gospel, and he and the other Apostles go on to create an ideal community by proclaiming his resurrection in Jerusalem.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Luke [the author of Acts] describes the life of the early community of believers as being *of one heart and mind*, whose witness to the resurrection of Jesus brought favor upon them. In the second reading, John assures his community that faith in Jesus and obedience enable believers to conquer the world. In the Gospel, the risen Jesus appears at two different times to his disciples, offering them peace and giving them the authority to forgive sins. Thomas, after seeing Jesus, acknowledges Christ's divinity, saying, *My Lord and my God!*

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.

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You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at **smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730** or **with AmazonSmile ON** in the Amazon Shopping app.

Intentions

Apr 10 ~ 4:00 PM -†Audrey Bissen
Apr 11 ~ 8:00 AM -†Deceased members of the Ted and Hilda Ollendick Family
Apr 13 ~ 6:30 PM - †Durwood "Woody" Roningen
Apr 15 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jim Coonan
Apr 17 ~ 4:00 PM - †William, Dennis, and Frank LeJeune
Apr 18 ~ 8:00 AM -†Rosie LeJeune

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **April 11** ~ Divine Mercy Sunday
- **April 20** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- **April 22** ~ Earth Day
- **May 2-7** ~ Fr. Matt taking personal time off - NO weekday Mass
- **May 9** ~ Mother's Day
- **May 31** ~ Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)

Annual Appeal 2020-21		
As of 04/08/2021	**Total Pledged**	**Total Payments**
Pledged/Paid	$16,790.00	$16,195.00
Target Amount	$12,925.00	$12,925.00
Over Target	$3,865.00	$3,270.00
Percent Pledged: 129.9%, Percent Received: 125.31%		
Number Contributing:	38	

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL! Thank you! All funds donated from this point forward will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. **If you have not contributed, now is the time!** Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: https://diolc.org/donate-online, under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish.

Next Week in Service — Apr 18th

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

Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Giving Last Week		Week 14	4/4/2021
Adult Env.(18)	$660.00	Needed Weekly	$1,900.00
Offertory	$168.00	Received This Week	$2,083.00
Easter Env (20)	$865.00	YTD Needed	$26,600.00
Good Friday(11)	$255.00	YTD Received	$27,408.00
Votive	$135.00	Difference	808.00
Total	**$2,083.00**		
		Rice Bowls	$149.71
E. Flowers(PCCW)	$10.00	Mite Boxes	$143.56

From Fr. Matt:

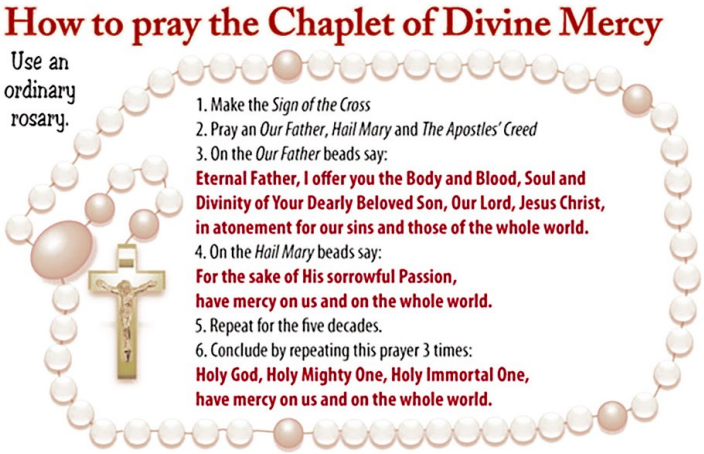
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped prepare the Triduum! Thank you Fr. Bill, readers, servers, ushers, decorators and everyone who gave of their time and energy to make our celebration so beautiful. Happy Easter, all!

- **Prayers please** for my mom who had a major surgery on Thursday. She will be in recovery until August. Thank you for all the love and support you are sending our family's way!

- **Bishop Callahan has initiated a feasibility study** of both the short and long-term needs in our Diocese. 1,650 families from our Diocese will be contacted as part of this study. If you are contacted, please be open and honest about how you see things. We can only be helped by people honestly sharing about their experience of Church. Thank you!

Parish Announcements

The best word to describe God's Compassionate Heart is Mercy. The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a fitting time to focus on God's forgiving love, the mercy poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, including the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count.



Easter Flower Donations
Thank you to all who donated toward the Easter Flowers and thanks to Clarice Kammel for decorating the church and arranging the flowers so beautifully. An updated list of donations is posted in the back of church.

CRS Rice Bowls and Mite Boxes
If you haven't returned your box(s), it's not too late. You may drop it with the regular collection through April 18th. Thank you.

Donations: We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 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 and credit cards and $.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* you contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Happy Easter!! The liturgical season of Easter doesn't end until Pentecost… May 23rd! Here are some fun ways to celebrate the Easter Season:

- Take an Emmaus Walk: On a nice spring day, take a walk on a favorite path or find a new hiking trail to explore. At some point, take a break, enjoy a simple snack and read the Emmaus reading (Luke 24:13-35)
- Make an Easter kite… some people fly homemade kites to remember Jesus' Ascension into Heaven.
- Honor one of God's Saints...here are some April Saints- St. George (April 23), St. Mark (April 25), and St. Catherine of Siena (April 29).

Diocesan/Local Announcements

National Child Abuse Prevention Month
The month of April each year is a time to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect, and to recommit efforts and resources aimed at protecting children and strengthening families. For resources from the U.S. Bishops, visit https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources.

100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an all-boys, Catholic boarding high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Families invited to come visit April 23-24 or April 30-May 1 and to start the application online today! Call (920) 753-7570 or visit www.stlawrence.edu/weekend-visit

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main Street, La Crosse, from 12 Noon – 3:15 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon along with hourly recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A Divine Mercy information video will be shown at 12:20 and 1:30 p.m. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 p.m. Come when you can; leave when you must.

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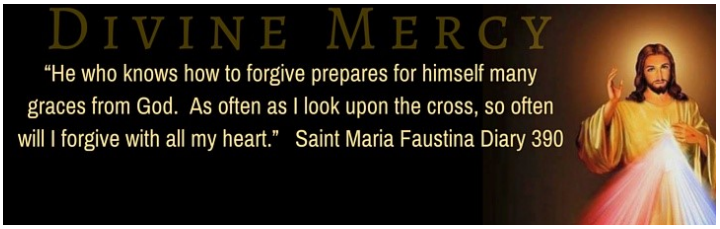
Diocesan/Local Announcements

CVLC BLOOD DRIVE

The Coon Valley Lutheran Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, April 19th from 1-6pm. All COVID-19 precautions are taken. If you would like to donate you can make an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org or by calling Mike at 452-3472. Blood supplies are critically low at this time. With your donation you will receive free COVID-19 antibody testing.

Spring Rummage Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 30, 11 am - 3 pm, $6 a bag; and on Saturday, May 1, 8 - 11 am, $3 a bag. Some items priced individually.



Week of Apr 11th Readings

Monday 12 April

Acts 4:23-31. The reading picks up from the first reading on Sunday. It is notable that a second Pentecost occurs and it is not the last!

John 3:1-8. The conversation with Nicodemus makes use of wordplay which is impossible to translate. In Greek, to be born again/from above is the one expression. Jesus *intends* "from above" while Nicodemus *hears* "again." Also, the word for Spirit (*pneuma*) and wind (*pneuma*) are identical in Greek.

Tuesday 13 April

St Martin I, bishop of Rome, martyr. Acts 4:32-37 Every so often, Luke gives us a general summary—perhaps looking back some- what idealistically. The vignette has inspired many across the centuries—not least St Augustine of Hippo in his Rule of life.

John 3:7-15. Halfway through, Nicodemus falls silent and is in effect absent (he will return in John 7 and 19). Instead, we have faith affirmation in the catechetical language of the Johannine community. V. 13 evokes Jacob's Ladder from Genesis. Vv. 14 and 15, direct us to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent, a story of healing. This "lifting up" is fundamental to the theology of the Fourth Gospel.

Wednesday 14 April

Acts 5:17-26. This miraculous anecdote (not lacking in humor) illustrates how irrepressible the preaching of The Way was and how its bearers were and *are still today* under God's protection.

John 3:16-21. The opening words in this Gospel are justly famous—surely one of the greatest affirmations in Scripture. They echo the story of the sacrifice of Isaac. The rest of the Gospel is difficult for us, until we remember that we are overhearing the robust dialogue between the Church and Synagogue from about AD 90. It may be best to understand the harsh line on judgment to refer to full believers who have chosen to walk away.

Thursday 15 April

Acts 5:27-33. In this passage, Peter responds to those who would silence him. The clarity of his defense might help us today: obedience to God comes before obedience to humans.

John 3:31-36. Our reading of John 3 moves forward to the teaching on the lips of John the Baptist. The writer is looking back with the 20/20 vision of (theological) hindsight. Our reading gives us a rich reflection on Jesus and what Jesus means to us today.

Week of Apr. 11th Readings continued

Friday 16 April

Acts 5:34-42. As we continue the tale of the aftermath of the escape, a certain Gamaliel speaks. His advice is sound both as law and as strategy.

John 6:1-15. Today we hear a version of the multiplication of the loaves from John's Gospel. The evangelist signals that the time is Passover—and he uses the story to explore Jesus' identity as a Moses-type figure: he feeds in the wilderness; he acts as a prophet and is misunderstood as a king. The sensitive reader will notice that the superabundant feeding also echoes the Christian Eucharist: bread, took, gave thanks, gave.

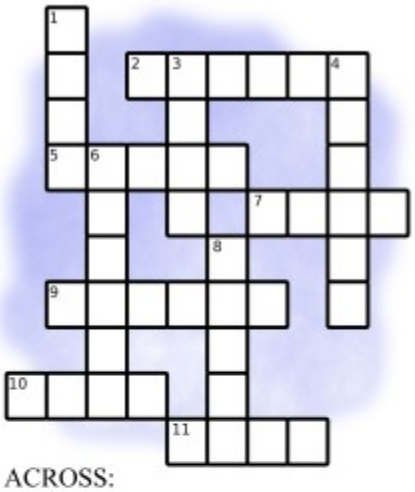
Saturday 17 April

1 John 1:5-2:2. The first letter of John manages to be both inspirational and realistic. We need to keep an eye on both, to stay on the path of conversion of heart.

Matthew 11:25-30. This passage contains a great truth: the Gospel is for all and not for some élite group. We can all come to Jesus when we are burdened.

KIDS CORNER

AN EASTER CROSS-WORD



How well do you know the story of doubting Thomas? Today's Gospel reading will help you find the answers!

ACROSS:

2. Which apostle wasn't there the first time Jesus came to them after the Resurrection?
5. Thomas wanted to see the marks on Jesus' hands from the _____.
7. "My _____ and my God!"
9. "As the _____ sent Me..."
10. Jesus showed him the wound in His _____.
11. "As the Father sent Me, so I _____ you."

DOWN:

1. Thomas, who was called the _____...
3. "I will send the _____ Spirit..."
4. "I will send the Holy _____..."
6. The door was locked because the disciples were _____.
8. "_____ be with you!"

Answers Across:
2.Thomas 5.nails
7.Lord 9.Father
10.side 11.send.
Down: 1.twin
3.Holy 4.Spirit
6.afraid 8.peace.