

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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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..... 6:30pm

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

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

vacancies)

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

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Call or email Fr. Joe. You can also use 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 fatherjoerichards@gmail.com You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: 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

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

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Joe Richards

January 29, 2023

Readings: 587A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings
January 29, 2023

1) *Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-12;* 2) *1 Corinthians 1:26-31;*
3) *Matthew 5:1-12a*


Intentions	
Jan 28~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska	
Jan 29 ~ 8:00 AM - † Jim Callan	
Jan 31 ~ 6:30 PM - Our Parish Family	
Feb 02 ~ 8:00 AM - † Julius Dumale	
Feb 04 ~ 4:00 PM - † James Coonan	
Feb 05 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Welsh	

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Feb 19. Mar 19. Apr 1, 2, & 22. May 7, 20, & 27.

Weekdays open: Jan 31. Feb 2, 9, & 23. Mar 2, 7, 14, 21, & 30. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Feb 4/5	
If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!	
Readers:	Sat. – Jeana LeJeune Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

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.

Sign in using **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with Amazon Smile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



You shop. Amazon gives.


Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **February 5** ~ Religious Education Class after 8 AM Mass
- **February 7** ~ PCCW Meeting at 7 PM
- **February 8-24** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe
- **February 12** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua following the 10:30 AM Mass
- **February 22** ~ Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 PM

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



Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tuesdays from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time) 

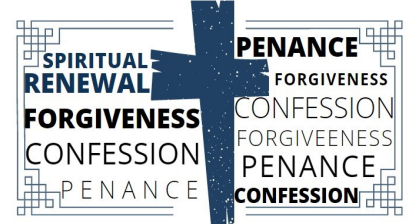
and on **Thursdays from Mass until noon.**

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.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



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, your 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/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

Giving Last Week		Week 04	1/22/2023
Adult Env.(31)	\$1,060.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$95.00	Received This Week	\$1,155.00
Total	\$1,155.00	Running total needed	\$8,000.00
		YTD Received	\$7,591.00
		Difference	(409.00)

From the Parochial Administrator



Hello friends,

Deacon Tony is sharing a bit about the Beatitudes from the Gospel this weekend, so bear with me while I share a bit about the first and second readings – specifically about humility. Right alongside meekness and chastity, humility is one of the most important and most misunderstood virtues in our arsenal. Sometimes when we hear “humility” we think “I’m humble when I realize that I am really just a complete failure.” But that’s not humility. That’s some weird shame-based preoccupation, and really a manifestation of pride. Just like meekness isn’t being a pushover and chastity isn’t white-knuckled self-control, humility is anything but thinking “I’m a piece of garbage, I’m a piece of garbage, I’m a piece of garbage.” Rather, as my good friend Clive Staples (you might know him as C.S.) once said, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less,” (from *Mere Christianity*). Another way I’ve heard it said – humility is getting the way I see myself to line up with the way God sees me. That is to say, God loves each one of us with a Father’s love – stern sometimes (but never out of anger, only when that’s the medicine we need), tender sometimes, but always with a keen eye for what’s really going on in our lives. Either way, especially when we’re looking at the reality of Beatitude (that is, happiness) or the way Paul’s encouraging us to examine our own vocation as Christian disciples, humility is the foundational virtue that helps me get over and beyond myself and turn outward toward the people God gives me and especially toward God himself. In that spirit, allow me to share with you a beautiful prayer I’m particularly keen on from a century and a half ago, the “Litany of Humility.”

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus grant...
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus grant...
That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus grant...
That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus grant...
That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus grant...
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it, amen.

God bless you, and happy humbling, - Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend we have a special collection to support the CCHD. More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Envelopes for the collection are in the pew or the back of church.

Poinsettias

Anyone wanting a poinsettia is welcome to take one. They are in the confessional area.



The following was received through Mary Gajewski regarding the celebration of Fr. Dass’ 25th Anniversary:

Thank you. I feel loved. Thank you Jesus for all your great work in my life. Thank for the good friends. Amy, a big thanks for you. I keep praying for my flock of St. Mary's. God bless you and our Blessed Mother be with us. Thank you Mary for all you do. God bless, Fr. Dass

AmazonSmile to end Feb 20, 2023

Please place your orders by February 20th to help St Mary’s. Amazon has decided to end the program and will winddown it’s operation on February 20th. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for St. Mary’s as normal. If you haven’t used AmazonSmile please do so now before the program ends. Sign up at: smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Thank you!



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Birtright Baby Bottle Campaign



The annual fundraiser for Birtright of La Crosse is here. Grab a baby bottle from the back of church, take it home and fill it with your spare change. Birtright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birtright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience (by dropping in the collection plate) before or on Sunday February 26, 2023. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

2022 Contribution Statements

Statements for registered families are available for pickup in the back of church this weekend. Any statements left after Mass on January 29th will be mailed. Please pick your up to help save on postage. Thank you for supporting St. Mary’s. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement please leave a message at the office or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net

