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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 fr mattmarshall@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 the Sacrament 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: 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

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Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fr.
**Matthew
Marshall**

Pastor

April 25, 2021

Readings: 557B

Photo of the stained glass window in Christ the King Chapel (old St. Pius X Church), La Crosse WI



St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY—
APRIL 25, 2021

- 1) Acts 4:8-12
- 2) 1 John 3:1-2
- 3) John 10:11-18

FOCUS: We are God's children; we are the flock of the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for us.



God loves us so much that we are not simply *called* God's children, but in fact *are* God's children now. This love is that of a good shepherd, who knows and cherishes his sheep, and who, unlike others, will sacrifice his own life for the safety of his flock.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the elders that the cripple who has been healed and saved was done so in the name of Jesus. This is the Jesus that they had crucified and *whom God raised from the dead*. The First Letter of John says that through the love of God we are now the children of God; what we shall become is not yet revealed. In the Gospel, Jesus says, *I am the good shepherd...[who] lays down his life for the sheep*.



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.

Intentions

Apr 24 ~ 4:00 PM - †Joseph Sedevie
Apr 25 ~ 8:00 AM - †Braelyn Fleming and Family
Apr 27 ~ 6:30 PM - †William and Rose Marie LeJeune
Apr 29 ~ 8:00 AM - †Edward and Anna Kerska
May 1 ~ 4:00 PM - †Cheryl Roesler
May 2 ~ 8:00 AM - †Helen Stafslieen

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 2-7** ~ Fr. Matt taking personal time off - **NO weekday Mass**
- **May 8/9** ~ Mother's Day Rose Sale after Mass
- **May 16** ~ Mass for our Graduating HS Seniors, 8 AM
- **May 19** ~ Westby HS Baccalaureate 6:00 PM
- **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)



Mother's Day Rose Sale

Honor your Mother the weekend of May 8th and 9th with a Rose!

The PCCW is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after both Masses. A \$2 donation per rose is requested, with all proceeds going to Wisconsin Right To Life.

Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 04/21/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,865.00	\$18,270.70
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
Over Target	\$5,940.00	\$5,345.70

Percent Pledged: 145.96%, Percent Received: 141.36%

Number Contributing: 42

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 — May 2nd

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

Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland
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<u>Giving Last Week</u>		Week 16	4/18/2021
Adult Env.(19)	\$805.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$37.00	Received This Week	\$1,549.14
Easter Env (1)	\$10.00	YTD Needed	\$30,400.00
DAA Rebate	<u>\$697.14</u>	YTD Received	\$32,278.14
Total	<u>\$1,549.14</u>	Difference	1,878.14
Memorials	\$1,860.00		

From Fr. Matt:

- The weekend of May 16th we will offer prayers and a blessing for all graduates from our parish. Please do keep everyone who is making a big transition in the coming months in your prayers. **Graduates: we love you and are praying for you!**

- **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

Thank You

The Butikk would like to say a big "Thank You" for your recent donation of \$113.25. We will be able to assist many less fortunate with your gift. With grateful hearts,
The Bethel Butikk Food Pantry



We are happy to share that you can now use the **Amazon Shopping app on their mobile phone** to sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select "St. Mary Parish" as your favorite charity.

Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Mary Parish" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "St. Mary Parish" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



Diocesan/Local Announcements



A time to encourage Americans to register as a donor and share your wishes with your loved ones. It is also a time to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation. Donate Life Wisconsin is a nonprofit alliance of organizations and caring individuals dedicated to increasing donated organs, eyes and tissues to save and heal lives. Through education and advocacy, we inspire people to register as donors. We work together to create a culture where donation is embraced as a fundamental human responsibility.

- ⇒ **The Need...** 1,615 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in Wisconsin.
- ⇒ **The Hero's...** 2,916,720 people are registered as organ, tissue and eye donors in Wisconsin. In 2020, more than 700 thousand registered at the DMV and more than 4,000 registered online.
- ⇒ **The Impact...** One organ, tissue and eye donor can save and heal more than 75 lives.

Register as an organ, tissue and eye donor at DonateLifeWisconsin.org or at a Wisconsin DMV Service Center. Questions? Call Monica DeLestry 715-829-1915

CVLC BLOOD DRIVE

The Coon Valley Lutheran Church will hold a blood drive on **Monday, April 26th** ****DATE CORRECTION**** 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.

The Viroqua Community Bell Choir is preparing spring concert that includes varied music from the classics, Gershwin, swing, Star Wars, and more. Our concert will feature a dance performance to "Blue Tango" by Ben Hansen and Kathy Lofton. The concert will be Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at the Vernon County Fairgrounds Youth Building, just north of the old bathrooms. The building has big, open doors so there's good ventilation. All are welcome!



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. Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 13, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

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Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Habitat for Humanity Accepting Applications for Homeowner Program

Applications will be accepted from May 6 – June 8. For more information visit: www.habitatlacrosse.org or see the flyers posted in the back of church.

Homemade Raised Glazed Donut Sale

Saturday, May 8th, Sale starts at 10:00 AM in the St. Joseph Ridge Parish-School Hall. Sponsored by the St. Joseph PCCW, who will be making and selling the delicious homemade raised glazed donuts in the school hall. Grab & Go sales from 10AM until gone. Get 'em while they're hot!



Chicken Que

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Week of Apr 25th Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 26 April

Acts 11:1-18 Should followers of Jesus follow all the Jewish Law, including circumcision, Sabbath and food regulations? It was an important question for the first generation. The answer, given three times in a vision, shaped the future of Christianity.

John 10:1-10 We encounter another of the seven I AM sentences of this Gospel, perhaps one of the less remembered ones: I am the gate. We need to think of point of access or encounter, as in "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Tuesday 27 April

Acts 11:19-26 This is a summary statement, letting us know about the expansion of The Way after the decision not to impose Jewish regulations on Gentiles.

John 10:22-30 The feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) is mentioned: this feast celebrated the re-dedication of the Temple in the previous century. At the time of writing that restored Temple was also in ruins, causing consternation for both Jews and Christians. The Christian response was to name Jesus as our shepherd, who would lead us both to God and to eternal life.

Wednesday 28 April

St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr Acts 12:24-13:5 A wonderful reading for today's church. It is clear that the gifts of prophecy and teaching were abundant — and that the church is alive because they listen to the Spirit.

John 12:44-50 The preceding two verses (not in the reading) give the context for this long reflection. We are overhearing the "catechetical" voice of the Johannine community — in conflict with those who do not accept this message.

Thursday 29 April

St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor 1 John 1:5-2:2 The readings are special for the feast. The first reading is an insistent call for conversion of heart and life. The message is very much in tune with the life of St Catherine, as he call the church of her day back to Gospel living.

Matthew 11:25-30 Our reading matches the feast very well. although she learned to write relatively late in her life (when she was 30; she died at the age of 33), Catherine was a profound mystic, activist and writer.

Week of Apr. 25th Readings continued

Friday 30 April

St Pius V, bishop of Rome Acts 13:26-33 For this scene, we have moved to Antioch in Pisidia (14 cities bore the name Antioch in antiquity!). In a typical speech, Paul started yesterday reviewing the history of salvation; today Paul gives an account of the death and resurrection of Jesus, in the light of the Holy Scriptures.

John 14:7-14 Today we hear a reading familiar from funerals; perhaps we can reflect on it today without the tragic context of death. It is really about Jesus own departure / death first of all. The last line offers us another of the great I AM sentences from this Gospel.

Saturday 1 April

St Joseph the Worker Acts 13:44-52 The switch to the Gentiles is signaled yet again in this brief story. Most likely, the Gentiles were the so-called God-fearers, that is, people already attracted to Judaism because of its pure doctrine of God, high moral code and its antiquity.

John 14:7-14 Our reading from John is very rich again today. It does contain a startling line: *whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works.* What could that possible mean? Somehow it means that after the great event of Jesus' death and resurrection, our task is to offer salvation, the salvation not yet achieved or somehow not available before Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

KIDS CORNER

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday April 25th, 2021



*Help the sheep
find the Good Shepherd
and stay away from the hungry wolf!*