

## 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

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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.

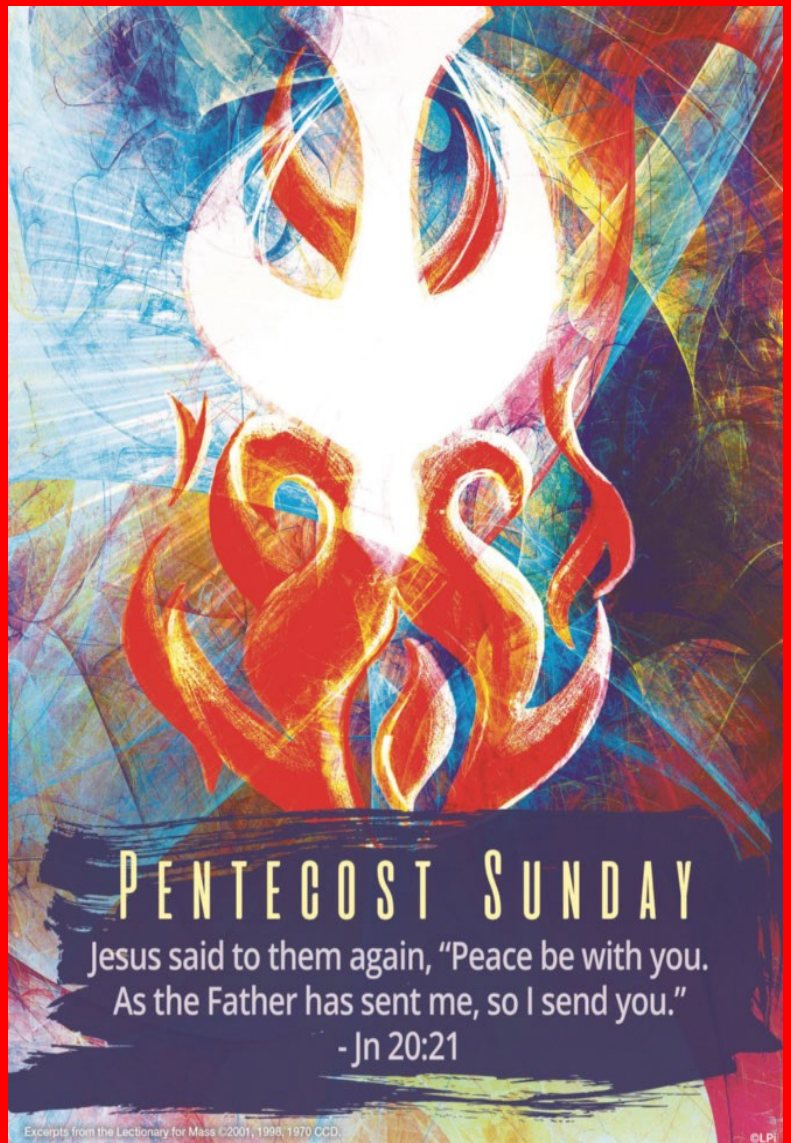
# St. Mary's Parish

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*Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor*

*May 28, 2023*

*Readings: 569A*

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## Pentecost Sunday

### Sunday Readings

May 28, 2023

- 1) Acts 1:1-11; 2) Ephesians 1:17-23;  
3) Matthew 28:16-20

### Intentions

May 27 ~ 4:00 PM - † Albina Sedevic

May 28 ~ 8:00 AM - † Helen and Leyton Stafslieen

May 30 ~ 5:15 PM - NO MASS - Communion Service

Jun 01 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS

Jun 03 ~ 4:00 PM - † Jim Callan

Jun 04 ~ 8:00 AM - † Joan Urbanek

### Mass Intentions

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

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jun 17, Jul 2, 29 & 30, Aug 6, 13, & 20, Sep 17.

**Weekdays open:** Jun 6 & 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.



### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 27-Jun 7** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, trip to the Holy Land, **no daily Mass** - Communion Service on 5/30
- **May 27/28** ~ Welcome Msgr. Steven Kachel help-out priest for the weekend
- **May 29** ~ Memorial Day, Legion Salute and Taps at the Cemetery 8:30 AM
- **May 30** ~ Communion Service by Dcn. Shay 5:15 PM
- **June 3/4** ~ Welcome Fr. Sam McCarty help-out priest for the weekend
- **June 8** ~ Catechism Study Group 8:30 AM
- **June 15** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **June 27** ~ Fr. Joe's Anniversary of Ordination (2020)
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>



### Next Week in Service — Jun 3/4

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> – Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers	<b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg	

### 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.



### 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.

### 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 May 19, 2023

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

Payments received at the Diocese: \$7,940.00

### Needed for the Month of May

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$4,771.00 Received as of week 3

**(\$3,229.00) Short for the Month**



Giving Last Week		Week 21	5/21/2023
Adult Env(31)	\$1,237.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$100.00	Received This Week	\$1,420.00
Votives	\$83.00	Running total needed	\$42,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,420.00</b>	YTD Received	\$37,613.15
Food Pantry	\$50.00	Difference	(4,386.85)

## From the Pastor



Hello friends,

This weekend's bulletin article is more personal than business, so if that's not your speed I won't be offended if you don't read on.

Over the past few weeks, I've had a few folks ask "are you excited about your trip?" I always feel like I ought to have a more ready answer to this question – a simple "yes" just feels insufficient. What I've generally been saying whenever folks are not looking for a simple one-word answer is that I haven't had much time or headspace to think about this pilgrimage. I've known it's coming for some time, and I can picture the places we'll be stopping and staying at in my mind, but as I write this I believe it won't really set in that I'm going back to the Holy Land until hour three over the Atlantic.

One aspect of this trip I am starting to understand and appreciate more and more is that, in both business and time, it very nearly marks a clean transition between Year One and Year Two. It was just about this time last year that I got a call from the Diocese asking me to change my plans from staying for Year Three in an assignment I knew and loved to take on the intimidating task of running two parishes pretty early in my priesthood. On the business side, a number of long-running heavy-investment projects have been culminating very recently, including new RE programming, the Capital Campaign (finishing over the next month), and the Easter Season. We're still not too far out from that Pastor installation Mass on March 25, and I'm starting to feel like I'm catching my breath.

I've been stretched over the course of this year, and you've been stretched right alongside me. When people ask how I'm feeling about this trip, the ambivalent (great word, look it up) feeling isn't clean excitement – there's anticipation there to return to Jesus' home and to spend the week with some dear friends, alongside the strange weighty feeling of laying my pastoral duties aside for a bit and entrusting our beating heart – every weekend's Masses – to other (highly competent) priests. I don't have any experience with this, but I imagine it kind of feels like parents leaving the kid(s) with Grandma and Grandpa and going away alone for the first time. But as a wise priest once told my class, "guys, make sure you take your vacation, partly to get a break from your people, but more than that to give your people a break from you."

Anyway, all that's to say I'll be holding you all close to my heart over the next few weeks as I visit the Holy Land. Thank you for the chance to be your Pastor, and I'll see you very soon!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

### May the Month of Mary—Rosary

This is the last weekend we will offer Rosary before Mass. Thank you to Karen Callan for making this possible.

### Looking for a way to give back? Volunteers needed

We are seeking church members to periodically clean the church basement. There are currently four volunteer groups who take care of the church proper on a monthly basis. The basement only needs to be done about four times a year. Please leave a message at the church office or contact Clarice Kammel if interested.

### Starting a Parish Library

The PCCW would like to start a shared "spiritual/religious" library. If you have any appropriate books that you would like to share with others please place them in the box in the back of the church. These should only be religious or spiritual books. Once we have gathered enough books they will be displayed for members to "check out" and read.

### 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. There's sunset walks a person can do along ridgetop with views across local farm fields out in Amish pastoral. Come out and take Sittin Pretty Farms curation of old farm machinery, trucks, lily pond, permaculture gardens and rustic building designs at the woods edge. Their website is [www.sittinprettyfarm.org](http://www.sittinprettyfarm.org). They also do wood-fired pizza and music on Friday nights. They do have indoor climate-controlled seating for rainy weather. Hope to see some parish families come.

### 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.



## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Help with School Supplies—Catholic Charities

The school year is almost over, but we are already planning for the upcoming year! If you or someone you know is in need of school supplies, please fill out an application here: <https://bit.ly/453WPNw>. There will be 4 pickup events in July and August. Please choose your pickup location when filling out your application. If your family isn't in need but would like to assist those who are, please join us by donating items such as large size backpacks, heavy duty folders, washable markers, looseleaf paper, scissors, etc. Thank you for helping students and families have a successful start to the new school year!!

### 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.

**Pentecost Sunday**  
*A time to rekindle the fire*

## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

### 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>.

### Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp!

Family camp dates for summer 2023 are June 9th-11th and 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/)

### Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 14-18

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 14-18. No experience needed. Register online at [GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music) or contact Scott Turkington [sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org](mailto:sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org)

## Activity Corner

### Unscramble: The Pentecost Story

Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> [LCPAE] together. And \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> [ENYLUSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>, [DWNLI] and it filled the entire \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>, [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

Pentecost is the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Church!



Answers: place, suddenly, wind, house, fire, filled, began, Spirit, BIRHDAY.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Let's remember.

The wife who lost her husband.  
The husband who lost his wife.

Let's remember.

The mother and father who lost  
their child.

Let's remember.

The child who lost a parent.

Let's remember.

To pray. To be grateful. To never  
take our freedom for granted.

Thank you to those who have been  
called to serve and to those who  
have given their lives.



### 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)




  
**First**  
**Communion**

**Dylan Wiedemann**  
 (parents  
 Thomas and Amy  
 Wiedemann)

May 21st


  
**Confirmation**



**Alison Fortun**  
 (parents Jason and Carmen Fortun)  
 Confirmed on May 4th


  
**GRADUATION  
 BLESSING**



Our 2023 High School Graduates

**Garratt Vatland**  
 (parents Scott and Lisa Vatland)

**Brittney Mislivecek**  
 (parents John and Julie Mislivecek)


  
**Congratulations**




  
**Blessings**