

St. Mary's Parish

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2020

Reading 593A

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

Local Parishes—Mass Times

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 or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

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 submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

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. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

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 requests will be included in the Mass intercessions.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

- 1) Sirach 15:15-20
- 2) 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- 3) Matthew 5:17-37
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

FOCUS: Jesus came to fulfill the law so that heaven could be opened to the righteous.

Jesus' teachings are not primarily about the joys and easiness of the Christian life, but rather about the commandments that our loving Father gives to us for our freedom and good. He, who is perfect love, made us in love and sent his Son out of love to teach us what it means to partake in his life – both here and forever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Sirach tells the people they can choose to follow the commandments, or not. But keeping the commandments will save them. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he writes of the greatness prepared for those who love God. In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus teaches about the law. He says that he has come to fulfil the law, and that those who keep it will be called *the greatest in the kingdom of heaven*.



| Giving Last Week | | Week 06 | 2/9/2020 |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$1,558.00 | Needed Weekly | \$1,900.00 |
| Offertory | \$199.00 | Received This Week | \$1,947.00 |
| Memorials | \$40.00 | YTD Needed | \$11,400.00 |
| CCHD | \$130.00 | YTD Received | \$9,445.00 |
| Ash Wed | \$20.00 | Difference | (1,955.00) |
| Total | \$1,947.00 | | |
| 40 Env. Received | | | |

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Feb. 28. Mar. 3, 4, 6, 11, 20, 27, **29**, & 31.
Apr. 15. May 6, **16 or 17**, 19, 20, **23, 24**, 26, & 29.
Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

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| Feb. 15 - 4:00 PM ~ †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families |
| Feb. 16 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter |
| Feb. 18 - 6:00 PM ~ The safety of our military in the U.S. and around the world and their families |
| Feb. 19 - 8:00 AM ~ †Deceased members of the Ollendick and Fleming Families |
| Feb. 21 - 8:00 AM ~ †Edward Kerska |
| Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM ~ †Larry and Myrtle Geier |
| Feb. 23 - 9:15 AM ~ †Kylie Von Ruden |

Annual Appeal 2019-2020

| As of 02/14/2020 | Total Pledged | Total Payments |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledged/Paid | \$14,545.00 | \$13,845.00 |
| Target Amount | <u>\$11,755.00</u> | <u>\$11,755.00</u> |
| Under Target | \$2,790.00 | \$2,090.00 |
| Percent Pledged: 123.73%, Percent Received: 117.78% | | |
| Number Contributing: | 37 | |
| WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET!!! ALL DONATIONS FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH! | | |
| Thank you all who have donated! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: https://diolc.org/donate-online , under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. | | |

Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

| | Sat., Feb. 22 4:00 PM | Sun., Feb 23 9:15 AM |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Servers: | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| Reader (s): | Robert Kerska | Ryan Goodwin |
| Communion Minister (s): | Marge Antoniewicz | Jodie Holdorf |
| Ushers: | Volunteers | Jim Fleming and Volunteer |
| Money Counters: | Caroline Tiedeman and Pat Kammel | |
| Altar Server sign up at: | https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4 | |

| Upcoming Events/Calendar | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|---|
| Feb. 16 | | NO Religious Education Classes |
| Feb. 19 | 6:30 PM | Parish Council Meeting |
| Feb 23 | After Mass | Religious Education Classes |
| Feb. 26 | 8:00 AM | NO morning Mass this day |
| Feb 26 | 7:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Service |
| Feb. 26 to Mar. 4 | | Fr. Matt on call at the hospitals in La Crosse. |
| Mar. 1 | After Mass | Religious Education Classes |
| Mar. 3 | 6:00 PM | Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Mar. 6 | 8:00 AM | Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i> |
| Mar. 8 | | NO Religious Education Classes |
| Mar. 10 | 6:00 PM | Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Mar. 15 | After Mass | Religious Education Classes |
| Mar. 17 | 6:00 PM | Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Mar. 22 | After Mass | RE <u><i>Trip to the Synagogue</i></u> |
| Mar. 24 | 6:00 PM | Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Mar. 29 | After Mass | Religious Education Classes |
| Mar. 31 | 6:00 PM | Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Apr. 3 | 8:00 AM | Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i> |
| Apr. 5 | After Mass | Religious Education Classes |

Birthday Wishes Requested

Joan Urbanek, a long-time member of St. Mary's Parish, will be celebrating her 88th birthday on Thursday, February 20th. Joan has been an active member of our parish for over 70 years, volunteering in many ways including playing the organ for mass for over 30 years, serving as a CCD teacher and serving as a PCCW officer. She has recently been admitted to Hillview Nursing Home in La Crosse. If you would like to show your appreciation for all her contributions to our parish, **please send her a birthday card. Cards should be addressed to - Hillview Nursing Home, c/o Joan Urbanek, 3501 Park Lane Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601**

Father On-Call Schedule

Fr. Matt on-call at both Gundersen and Mayo from Wed. Feb. 26th to Wed. Mar. 4th. Please allow extra time for Fr. Matt to respond to parish concerns.

Having/Had a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. Please contact the parish office if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year of 2020 to add your names to the list. Couples will be invited to celebrate with Bishop William Callahan on June 14, 2020 at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

Amazon Smile is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, please choose St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: [amazon.com/smile](https://www.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" or simply click the link on our parish website: stmarycv.org

Parish Announcements

Synagogue Trip Rescheduled

The trip that was cancelled last weekend due to weather and has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 22, please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. If you had signed up and cannot make this date or if the new date now works and you would like to attend, please talk to Fr. Matt.

Bagels and Bibles

Consider joining Fr. Matt for **Bagels and Bible** at Congregation Sons of Abraham (1820 Main St. La Crosse). The meeting is **Tuesday, February 25th, noon - 1 PM**. Bagels and Bible is a Bible study group hosted by the Jewish community of La Crosse. Fr. Matt and Rabbi Brian read the Scriptures together, with others who are interested in discussing the Word of God. All are welcome to join for conversation and learning about faith. Bagels and lox provided by the Congregation. No cost. Next discussion is the Book of Genesis. Bibles provided.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Feb 18th, WI Supreme Court Election. See myvote.wi.gov for more information about registration and to view your ballot.

Community Conversations is a monthly meeting of community members to discuss important topics of the day. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month, September - November, and January-April. Lunch is provided with the opportunity for a free will donation to cover those costs. <https://www.interfaithleaders.org>. Conversations take place at English Lutheran Church, La Crosse. **Feb 19th, 12 PM: Local News - Costs and Coverage in a Time of Communications Changes**

Consider applying to help with the 2020 U. S. Census. You can apply online: 2020census.gov/jobs. Or you can call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information. Census takers are paid weekly, have flexible hours, and receive paid training too. Please consider if you might be able to assist this way in the care of our community.

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Coulee Region Mardi Gras

2020 Fat Tuesday Celebration, February 25

For more information and ticketing, visit: <https://www.lacrossemardigras.com/>

Pancake Breakfast

February 23 at St. Joseph Ridge Parish. Please join us in our School Hall from 8 AM to 11:30 AM for and ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast, serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a beverage for \$7, \$5 for children 5-12, under 5 free. There will also be a bake sale and a cash raffle.

Employment Opportunity

The parishes of St. Leo the Great in West Salem and St. Mary in Bangor are looking for a Director of Religious Education to serve both parishes in the West Salem location. Interested candidates should send a resume to Father Kennedy at fkenny@wsbcwi.org.

Nacho Average Home Faith Event

Friday, February 21 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center! We are looking for congregations and faith groups to partner with Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area and Thrivent Financial for our 2020 Faith Build home in La Crosse. Come learn more about the 2020 Faith Build and how your congregation or faith group can be involved. We will have a nacho bar, door prizes, and raffles. For more information or to sign up, visit www.habitatlacrosse.org/faith-build.

You could be a Homeowner with Habitat for Humanity!

Anyone interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area's Homeowner Program is invited to attend an Information Meeting on February 27-29. Go to www.habitatlacrosse.org/how-to-apply for more information or to sign up to attend.

Cabin Fever Fest-Euchre Tournament and Luncheon

Sunday, March 1st at St. Peters Church. Doors open at noon, cards start at 1 PM. Only \$10 per person. 1st -4th place prizes. Soups, snacks and beverages included. Questions call Melissa Schaub 608-486-4012 or email stpetersrectory@centurytel.net.

Safe Haven Sunday – Year II

In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. To help you combat the pervasiveness of pornography, we will be recognizing Safe Haven Sunday on (February 23). We all must respond by defending the dignity of each and every person and if needed, to heal ourselves from exposure to its snares. A thorough collection of resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

March Market (Craft/Vendor Show)

La Crosse's Blessed Sacrament Women's Club is hosting their first March Market on Saturday, March 7 from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. At the Msgr. Wagener Parish Center. For information, to register as a vendor/crafter or to volunteer, contact the parish office at 608-782-2953, visit: www.bsplacrosse.org, or contact the event representative Barb at 608-784-6974 (scwjoy@gmail.com). \$25 registration fee by February 22nd.

Explore the benefits of silence at the Franciscan Spirituality Center

The peace and tranquility of a silent retreat can help people connect with their inner self, listen to divine wisdom and gain clarity and perspective on what might be stirring in their life. Opportunities for silent contemplation and prayer:

~**Labyrinth Walk**, 4-6:30 p.m. March 4. This indoor walking meditation is suitable for older teens and adults. Freewill offerings are appreciated; no registration is necessary.

~**Prayer Beyond Words**, 9 a.m.-noon March 14. Sarah Hennessey, FSPA, leads this morning to practice various methods of contemplative prayer. Investment: \$45.

~**Silent Directed Retreat**, March 29-April 3 and April 19-24. Spend six days in silence under the guidance of a trained spiritual director. Investment: \$450, includes overnight stay, meals and daily spiritual direction (compassionate listening).

To register, please visit www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

Death Cafe

MARCH 5 (Thursday, 5-6:15 p.m.), Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse. Facilitators: Nursing students from Viterbo University. We all know that death is an inevitable part of life, but how often do we really think about it – much less talk about it? Please join us for a meaningful and open discussion about death and dying. All are welcome.

The first "Death Cafe" was offered in the United Kingdom in 2011, and the idea has since spread throughout the globe. According to the official website (deathcafe.com), the purpose is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives."

Nursing students from Viterbo University will facilitate this group-directed discussion with no agenda or pre-determined objectives. It's important to note that this is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. Refreshments will be provided. There is no cost to attend this event, but freewill donations toward the cost of refreshments are appreciated. Registration is required; please call 608-791-5295 or visit www.FSCenter.org by February 28 to reserve your spot

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

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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

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>](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

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.

- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).