



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh, Assoc. Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



August 23, 2026 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 638A

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

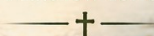
Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm

21st SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

You are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my Church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall
not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18



*Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HAS NOT REVEALED THIS TO YOU,
but my heavenly Father. MATTHEW 16:17*

Administrative Assistant

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve
Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

Musicians

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Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

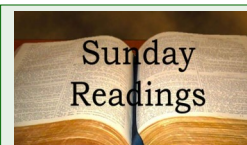
Fr. Joe also serving:

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 12:10 pm



August 23, 2026
 1) Isaiah 22:19-23
 2) Romans 11:33-36
 3) Matthew 16:13-20

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 22

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass - † Albert & Julia Sedevie
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, August 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Jean Lange
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, August 25

St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz

- Adoration 4:30 PM
 - 5:15 PM Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, August 27

St. Monica

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Roskos and Roningen Families

SATURDAY, August 29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

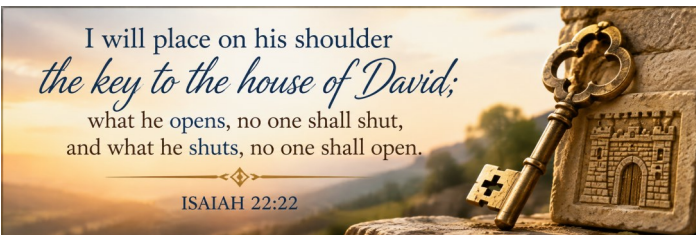
- 4:00 PM Mass - † Betty Callan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Bob Kerska

SUNDAY, August 30

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass - For our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of August 15, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
 Payments received: \$91,580.00
 THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,656.00	Received as of week 3
(\$4,344.00)	Difference for the Month

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 29** ~ Coon Valley Heritage Day
- **Sep 7** ~ Labor Day
- **Sep 15** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group in Cashton at Sacred Heart 9:30-11 AM
- **Sep 21** ~ Catechetical Sunday
- **Oct 1** ~ Advanced Care Planning from 3-4:30 PM in the church hall
- **Oct 6** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group our church hall



Aug 28-Movie in the Park
Aug 29-Legion Breakfast
 -5K trivia fun run/walk
 -1 pitch softball tourney
 -Artisan Market
 -Parade
 -Tractor and Car Show
 -Kids activities
 -Music
 -Fireworks
 (for times visit their website listed below)

<https://www.coonvalleyhistory.org/heritage-day>

COON VALLEY HERITAGE DAY

August 29, 2026

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 30, Sep 19 or 20, 26 & 27, Oct 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, and 25.
Open Weekdays: Sep 15, 22, & 29, Oct 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 27, and 29.



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>

Giving Last Week			8/16/2026
Adult Env	\$2,120.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	417.00	Received This Week	\$2,794.00
Assumption Env	195.00	Total needed	\$66,000.00
Votives	62.00	YTD Received	\$65,487.68
Total	\$2,794.00	Difference	(512.32)
Food Pantry	\$30.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I am back from my adventures out West! I spent the first week with some dear friends out in Colorado (the O'Loughlins and the Gibbons, if you want to say a prayer for them), then I made my way out to Northern California (Redwood country/one of my happy places) for time with some of my dad's siblings, the first visit with them for a decade or so. After a delayed return flight (I only found out afterward that the Arcata airport is ranked first in the nation for delays) and a gimme extra day with family, I rolled back into the homefront on Thursday. Thank you for your prayers and for your patience with a few weeks' abnormality!

This time also gave me the tremendous gift of a deep breath after our first month and a half with both parish clusters together. All of this is an exploration of how to address the current needs of our Church with our currently available resources, and I have been so very grateful to all of you, all of our staff, and our many volunteers for rising to the challenge. As I've noticed in myself and as I became more aware of in the free head- and heart-space of the last few weeks, this has certainly been difficult for Fr. Emmanuel and me to juggle too – it's important to note that "difficult," while difficult, is not the same thing as "bad" or "wrong." There's something of a hard exercise/workout in our life together. A hard workout is no bad thing, in fact it can be quite strengthening and fruitful. We're certainly seeing tremendous fruit in Coon Valley and in Hillsboro and in Viroqua and in Wonewoc, manifest in each one of our people's zeal for our communities and readiness to step into service and prayer together.

Another great gift over the last few weeks came in a quick visit to FOCUS' headquarters in Denver to reconnect with a few priests and missionaries (and to encounter a number of new missionaries who joined staff long, long after my own departure for seminary). My work as a FOCUS missionary gave me the space and context to discern my own call to the priesthood, and it perhaps pulls back the curtain on much of my own pastoral direction. This visit returned me to some of my own missionary roots and reminded me of what it is we're working for. There's a beautiful 100-page book co-authored by the University of Mary's President Monsignor Shea, *From Christendom to Apostolic Age*, that speaks to the current state of the Church. A Christendom mindset functions within the stability of established communities and institutions to provide an illuminated beacon within the world. The concern with such a mindset is that the safety it provides can hide actual insecurity and put up blinders to Jesus' own missionary mandate to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. A movement into apostolic activity addresses that mandate, inviting Jesus' people to carry the Word and Sacrament received within the Church out into the world, inviting people into a lived relationship with the Lord – there's an elegant going-out and drawing-in in such movement. Anyhow, it may be an interesting read if you're looking for some material.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Gathered in Grace Mom Group

Gathered in Grace is a local mom group that will focus on spiritual growth through discussion, prayer and plenty of coffee. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11AM starting on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton. The meetings will be rotating between local parishes and will be here on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in October. Children are welcome. While there will be no childcare, we will provide toys and snacks to keep children entertained during our get-togethers. There is no commitment so feel free to attend the weeks and locations you are able. Use the QR code to join the GroupMe group for more information or feel free to call/text Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546 or Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706.

Gathered in Grace - Driftless Region



Diocesan/Local Announcements

Back-to-School and Birthday Bash – Aug 30

To celebrate the start of the new school year (and Father Matthew Bowe's birthday), please join the Tri-Parish of Cashton & Norwalk for a Bash after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart in Cashton on Sunday, August 30th. This is an open-to-all event – the more the merrier! A potluck lunch will be served until noon, and kickball and bingo will occur in the School backyard beginning at noon. This is open to all families of all parishes and will be a great opportunity for community building, especially now that both Viroqua and Coon Valley parishes are represented by families at Sacred Heart Catholic School! Let us come together for fellowship, food, and fun.

Mass of Hope and Healing - Sept. 8

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tues. Sep. 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A candle ceremony at 6:30 PM, prior to the

Diocesan/Local Announcements *continued*

beginning of Mass. Please arrive early to receive your votive candle(s) in remembrance of any child(ren) lost. After Mass, refreshments will be served and volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort. We welcome all who mourn, and encourage anyone to come and be supportive.

Rural Life Day Sept. 23 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor

Come together with several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop-Emeritus William Callahan, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards-blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family at Creamery Creek Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

Rural Life Day Nominations:

We are seeking nominations for the following recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026)

- **"Friend of Rural Life"** – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- **"Strangers and Guests"** – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- **"Century Farms"** – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number: annemarie.elwing@wallstonelc.com.

Walking With Women, Praying w/Scripture

All women are invited to attend Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture. Our focus is to foster a deeper relationship with God through meditation on His living word. Meditating on God's Living Word is a life-changing and transformative experience. The first meeting will be Thurs, Sept 10th (6 pm - 7:30 pm) at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman – St. Joseph Hall. Meetings take place every third Thursday (altered around holidays) Sept through May. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ!

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat for Traumatic Pregnancy Loss - Oct. 9-11

A weekend retreat for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment for grieving and for releasing deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt. For details on the retreat, which will be held in the La Crosse area, call Amy at 608.860.6698 or contact by email: Hope4U@diolc.org. To learn about Rachel Ministries, visit <https://diolc.org/rachelministries/>

Venezuela Earthquake Devastation Continues - Catastrophic

The tragic death toll in Venezuela now stands at more than 6300, with about 73,300 hospitalized, and tens of thousands still missing, in the wake of the two catastrophic earthquakes on June 24. Please donate to the Church's relief efforts if you can, through the Pontifical Mission Societies. Visit the diocesan website (diolc.org) and click on the banner, or scan the QR code on the right.



This Week on *FORMED*

* The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

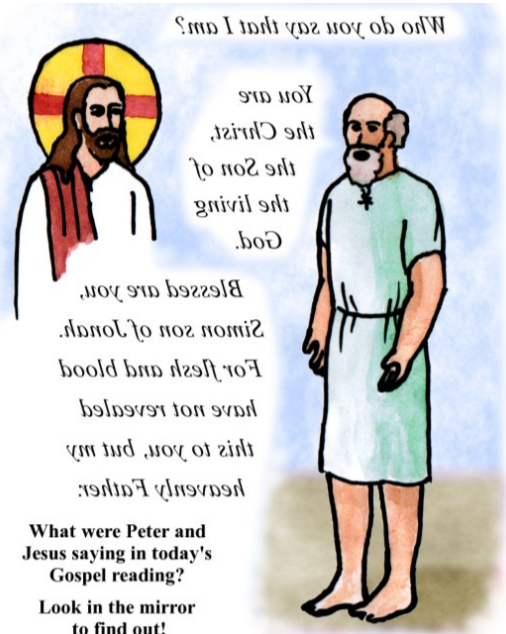
* Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

* Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

Activity Corner



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: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Please use the registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments. Then mail or email it to stmaryscv@mwt.net and jrichards@diolclergy.org. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date.

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.