

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

February 9, 2025

Readings: 592C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

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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

PARISH OFFICE

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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,
Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

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

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris Carskadon

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend:Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday:Wed - 5:15 PM & Fri - 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: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

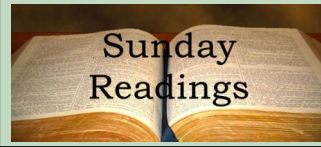
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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, Coon Valley, WI

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 9, 2025
 1) Isaiah 6:1-2
 2) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 3) Luke 5:1-11

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, February 08

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † James Coonan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, February 09

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Eric "Rick" Logemann
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, February 11

Our Lady of the Lourdes/ World Day of the Sick

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, February 13

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

SATURDAY, February 15

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † James Coonan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, February 09

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - The Roskos and Ronigen Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of January 30, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$53,976.50

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Feb 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Cecilia Guild
- **Feb 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 22/23** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Mar 2** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Mar 4** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 2-4 PM
- **Mar 5** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Mar 9** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 11** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 2-4 PM
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Rose Guild
 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 18** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 2-4 PM



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Mar 30, Apr 5, 12, & 26, May 10, 17, & 25

Open Weekdays: Mar 11, 13, 25, & 27. Apr is open except the 8th.



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 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.

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.



Needed last Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,503.00	Received as of week 4
(\$1,497.00) Difference for the Month	

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 02/07/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,905.00	\$9,404.99
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$3,675.00	\$4,645.01
Percent Pledged: 91.85%, Percent Received: 66.94%		
Number Contributing: 25		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		1/26/2025	
Adult Env(29)	\$1,095.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	<u>248.00</u>	Received This Week	\$1,343.00
Total	\$1,343.00	Running total needed	\$8,000.00
		YTD Received	\$6,503.00
		Difference	(1,497.00)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

First thing – depending on which Mass you're at this weekend you may be wondering "where's Fr. Joe?" He's/ I'm still around, just up at Mary Mother of the Church for a niece's baptism. Thank you to Fr. Dhein for covering our 10:30 so I could head up there!

Now the main thing. This past week the Bishop issued a letter to be distributed at the parishes throughout the Diocese. There's been some recent kerfuffle (I honestly didn't know how to spell that word until my computer corrected me) arising from a recent charge leveled by the Vice President regarding the allocation of social services resources by the USCCB's (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) social services branches. The Bishop is clarifying that such is not the case – I will let you hear it directly from him.

Something I want to particularly highlight from the Bishop's letter, aside from his clarifications in the first paragraph, is what he follows up with after. Disclaimer: as of this writing I honestly haven't finished discerning what the Holy Spirit wants me to preach on this weekend, so pardon my redundancy if I say more in my homily. Bishop Battersby makes an interesting charge of his own against resting in being a "devout Catholic." By my translation, perhaps another way of looking at this would be to avoid contentment or satisfaction with a status-quo-Catholicism – "I'm doing this and this and this, therefore I think I've arrived at sufficient discipleship." We don't have to look much further than Jesus' constant call-to-more out of His broad following (the Crowds) and His dedicated followers (the Disciples) and His inner circle (the Apostles), starting with His call this weekend – "Put out into the depths." This is at once both daunting and encouraging.

The daunting comes from the fact that until I've arrived at the threshold of Heaven I haven't arrived at the threshold of Heaven. You and I are always being invited to more – to more fully make your life a gift, to more fully open yourself to the Holy Spirit, to more fully let your weakness be a place for Christ's strength to do the real work. That's daunting – I haven't arrived until I've arrived. The encouraging part comes from the simple and understated fact that Jesus' constant invitation into the depths (at the start of His ministry) is accompanied by His promise (at the end of His ministry), "I am with you." More fully, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Jesus calls you in every moment of your life to step further into His life, and at no point has He or will He leave you orphaned, abandoned, or hung out to dry. Jesus Christ loves you, delights in you, and boldly invites you to live His life with Him.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Thank You to St. Mary Parish

The food pantry at Bethel Butikk is ever so grateful for your \$500.00 gift from you Sept-Dec. food collection. You may not receive a thank you every time you donate, but be assured we receive your donations and are ever so thankful for each and every one of them. We want no family to go hungry or suffer from food insecurity!.

With Much Appreciation, *The Bethel Butikk*

PCCW News

Know your Guild

Ladies who aren't sure of which guild they belong to can check the list posted in the back of the church.

Important Dates

- ⇒ Feb 16 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the St. Cecilia Guild
- ⇒ Mar 10 ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM—all are welcome
- ⇒ Mar 16 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the St. Rose Guild
- ⇒ Apr 26 ~ Our Annual **Spring Luncheon**
- ⇒ Apr 27 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the St. Theresa Guild
- ⇒ May 18 ~ RE end-of-the year party and Parish Social

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us.

Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images on our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine.
- This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Cashton, WI



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For registration information or to arrange a visit
call or email: 608-654-7733
principle@smash3p.org

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Diocesan/Local Announcements

A New Monastery – Info Feb 22 & 23

Fr. Joseph O'Hara, a priest of the Diocese, is starting Holy Family Monastery in Northern California on a farm very near the Pacific coast. It has a traditional Benedictine observance, a life centered around the altar with the Latin liturgy and is dedicated to a lifelong education according to the mind and method of St. Thomas Aquinas. Please come and visit Fr. O'Hara at St. James Parish, La Crosse after each of the scheduled weekend Masses on February 22 and 23 or contact him at holyfamily4u@protonmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - Feb 23

The Father McCaffrey Council 9438 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 23, from 8:30 am until noon in the basement dining hall at St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem. People with mobility issues will be served in the Annex. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice. The cost is a free will offering with the proceeds going to support seminarians.

Cabin Feverfest - Mar 2

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Middle Ridge (Rockland) is holding their annual Euchre tournament and Soup Luncheon on Sunday March 2nd. Doors open at 12:00 noon and card games will begin at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and entry into the tournament. Call the parish office at 608-452-4680 with any questions.

Healing Service - Mar 3

You are invited to a Healing Service on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cashton, WI. This special evening offers an opportunity to experience God's grace through prayer, worship, and individual prayer ministry. All are welcome to attend. 4:30 PM: Adoration and Confession 5:30 PM: Mass 6:00 PM: Corporate Prayer for Healing, 7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers) 9:00 PM: Closing. Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate. For more information, call Sara Clements at 608.385.5283

Men of the Cross "Freedom in Forgiveness" - Mar 8

Christ wants you to be set free. There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you really don't understand forgiveness, how to forgive others, or how to forgive yourself. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us. Please consider attending Men of the Cross: "Freedom in Forgiveness"

Who: All men (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.) **When:** March 8, 2025. **Where:** Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, La Crosse, WI. **Cost:** \$30 per person (includes lunch!) **Registration:** menofthecross.org **Speakers:** Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby

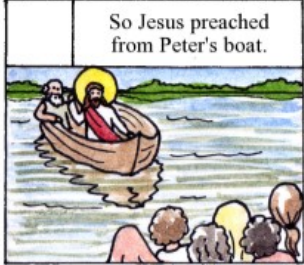
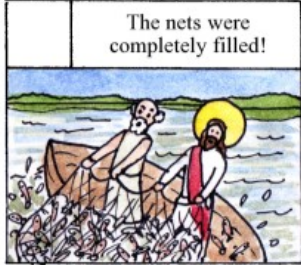
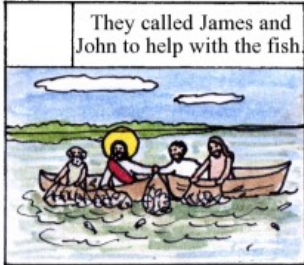
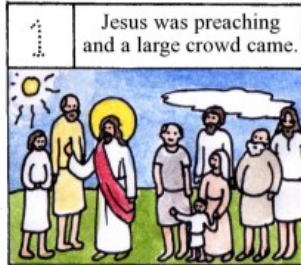
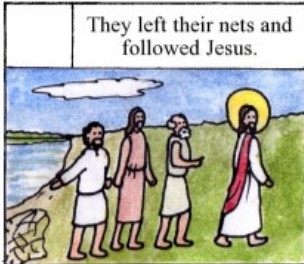
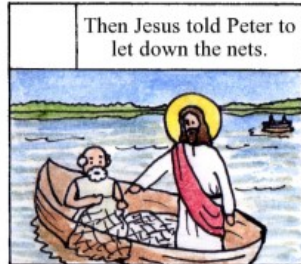
Overcoming Challenges With Grit and Grace - Mar 29

Offered by the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse on **MARCH 29 in-person event** on Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (Doors open at 8:30 a.m., and the event begins at 9 a.m.) **Presenters:** Patty Wetterling, Stacey Lantagne, Rebecca Kaldunski, Mia Davis. **Investment:** \$75, includes continental breakfast and lunch. **To register:** www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. Our annual conference is a celebration of all women who have faced obstacles and ordeals yet preserved, kept the faith and emerged more resilient, with four inspirational speakers.

Activity Corner

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.

So Jesus preached from Peter's boat.	The nets were completely filled!
	
They called James and John to help with the fish.	Jesus was preaching and a large crowd came.
	
They left their nets and followed Jesus.	Then Jesus told Peter to let down the nets.
	

Answer: Top 2,4; Middle 5,1; Bottom 6,3.



Show love and care for others as the image of St. Valentine reminds us each year on February 14

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Never doubt the power of prayer.

- The sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Syria whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmmaryscv@mwt.net



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

A devout Catholic...

Recently, the Vice-President offered what seems to be a repeated trope these days, viz., the Catholic Church is increasing her financial health by accepting grants from the federal government. Our government asks to use our on the ground expertise to assist migrants. Not only do we not get rich from this association but we actually spend more than any of the government grants contribute. We do what the government won't or can't. We don't ask about a migrant's status when someone approaches us who is hungry, thirsty or in need of shelter. We serve Christ, following the biblical imperative: *whatsoever you do to the least of my people...* cf. Matthew 25:40-45). Perhaps you don't know this, but the Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services in the world, and only second in the United States, behind the federal government. You should be proud of the fact that together by God's grace we accomplish much in answering the scriptural mandate to love. Cardinal Dolan replied to the Vice-President perfectly, he called Vance's assertion, a scurrilous lie. As I told Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene who made a similar accusation, the Church is not in charge of the border, the federal government is, time to quit the sleight of hand Congress and do your job.

What intrigued me was not the accusation from the Vice-President but the assertion that, and this somehow justified their positions, they were devout Catholics. President Biden repeatedly asserted this about himself. It seems to me to be a rather unusual thing to say about oneself, kind of like asserting that you're extraordinarily handsome. The appellation so it would seem come from others who viewed repeatedly one's integrity as a Catholic man or woman. Being a devout Catholic would seem to be a good thing to aim for in the life of discipleship, but is it? The only degree in the life of a Catholic is sanctity. There are saints, that is, those set apart for Christ and on the path of sanctity and those who by their own choices are not. Being a devout Catholic is simply being Catholic, only heroism whose ardor is given by God, sets one apart as an exemplar of discipleship, that's what we call a saint. Each of us are called to be saints, it is said, it is the only real tragedy in life if we do not become so.

The people in my life who taught me the most about the journey of faith, taught me that it was not about them, not about me, it was about Jesus. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, without him we can do nothing (cf. John 15:5). Let Jesus make you a saint. Your job and mine is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to surrender to him that his plan may be accomplished in us, to say in wonder and with some trepidation with St. Peter: to whom shall we go Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (cf. John 6:68). To be a Catholic is a great gift from God. It is given to us so that you and I might be witnesses for others sake. Jesus gives a rather powerful commandment to those who profess their love for him: *if you love me, keep my commandments.* (John 14:15). Let's keep his commandments for love of him, let's forsake all other paths as good as they might seem, let's become the saints we're called to be, let's be Catholic.

Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse