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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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



**3rd SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

April 18, 2021

Readings: 554B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

- 1) Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
- 2) 1 John 2:1-5a
- 3) Luke 24:35-48

FOCUS: The risen Christ forgives our sins and advocates for us before the Father.

In breaking open the Scriptures for the disciples, Jesus dispels their greatest fears and doubts and gently brings them into the fullness of true peace. Because of this they now have the courage to proclaim him before the world – to become his witnesses. Courage and peace are the hallmarks of the believer, and are the gifts necessary to face the challenges of this world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Peter tells the people that they have put to death God's servant, Jesus, and exhorts them, *Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.* John writes to his community in the hope that they do not sin, but if they should, he tells them they have an Advocate in Christ. In the Gospel, while the two disciples recount to the others their experience with Jesus *on the way*, the risen Christ appears to all of them, with a greeting of peace. He shows them his body, and eats in front of them, in order to help them *understand the Scriptures* and what they had witnessed.

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.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.



Intentions

Apr 17 ~ 4:00 PM - †William, Dennis, and Frank LeJeune
Apr 18 ~ 8:00 AM - †Rosie LeJeune
Apr 20 ~ 6:30 PM - †Leyton Stafstlien
Apr 22 ~ 8:00 AM - †Alvina Sedevie
Apr 24 ~ 4:00 PM - †Joseph Sedevie
Apr 25 ~ 8:00 AM - †Braelyn Fleming and Family

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **April 20** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- **April 22** ~ Earth Day
- **May 2-7** ~ Fr. Matt taking personal time off - **NO weekday Mass**
- **May 9** ~ Mother's Day
- **May 16** ~ Mass for our Graduating HS Seniors, 8 AM
- **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)

Earth Day



Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 04/08/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$16,790.00	\$16,195.00
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
Over Target	\$3,865.00	\$3,270.00
Percent Pledged: 129.9%, Percent Received: 125.31%		
Number Contributing:	38	

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 — Apr 25th

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

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg
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Giving Last Week		Week 15	4/11/2021
Adult Env. (26)	\$2885.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$56.00	Received This Week	\$3,321.00
Easter Env (10)	\$335.00	YTD Needed	\$28,500.00
Good Friday(2)	\$20.00	YTD Received	\$30,729.00
Memorial(1)	<u>\$25.00</u>	Difference	2,229.00
Total	<u>\$3,321.00</u>		



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!**

- **Many thanks from Fr. Matt and his family!** His mom is doing so well! So grateful to everyone for the love and support offered to us all at this time. **Thank you!**

- **This weekend** a visiting priest will be celebrating Mass on Saturday. Thank you, Fr. Nate Kuhn! Please welcome him warmly.

- Our neighboring church Immanuel Lutheran in Viroqua is getting a new pastor! Congratulation to Pastor Michele Engh, who is being ordained this weekend. **Blessings to Pastor Michele and all our sisters and brothers at Immanuel!**

- **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

CRS Rice Bowls and Mite Boxes

If you haven't returned your box(s), it's not too late. You may drop it with the regular collection through April 18th. Thank you.

Donations: We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Happy Easter!! The liturgical season of Easter doesn't end until Pentecost... May 23rd! Here are some fun ways to celebrate the Easter Season:

- Take an Emmaus Walk: On a nice spring day, take a walk on a favorite path or find a new hiking trail to explore. At

some point, take a break, enjoy a simple snack and read the Emmaus reading (Luke 24:13-35)

- Make an Easter kite... some people fly homemade kites to remember Jesus' Ascension into Heaven.
- Honor one of God's Saints...here are some April Saints- St. George (April 23), St. Mark (April 25), and St. Catherine of Siena (April 29).

Diocesan/Local Announcements

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April each year is a time to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect, and to recommit efforts and resources aimed at protecting children and strengthening families. For resources from the U.S. Bishops, visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources>.

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.



An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on Racial Injustice (via Zoom)

Tuesday, Apr 20, 7:00pm - 8:00pm with the Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse, WI, facilitated by the FSC staff. *Free, but registration required.* We stand in solidarity with all people who continue to suffer from acts of violence and face social and personal crises due to their race or ethnicity. Our hearts ache for our brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones and whose communities are grappling with unrest and mistrust. In response, we offer this free virtual gathering to share our dreams, fears and frustrations. The evening will include prayer, readings and time for individual and group reflection. Please join us as we search for hope and strive to build community amid our collective grief.

Free Event - Donations Appreciated. Sign Up By Monday, Apr 19, Midnight at <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=21SDY05632> or call 608-791-5295.

100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an all-boys, Catholic boarding high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Families invited to come visit April 23-24 or April 30-May 1 and to start the application online today! Call (920) 753-7570 or visit www.stlawrence.edu/weekend-visit

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.

Let's Stay Connected

- ⇒ The parish bulletin is available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- ⇒ We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database) or upon request
- ⇒ Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- ⇒ **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

Week of Apr 18th Readings

Monday 19 April

Acts 6:8-15. Stephen, whose feast we celebrate on 26 December, was one of the seven chosen to relieve the pressure on the apostles (Acts 6:5). Today we begin his story, a story of extraordinary witness leading to martyrdom. The Greek for a “witness” is *martys*, from which our word martyr.

John 6:22-29. The focus throughout John 6 is really on the *person* of Jesus. This is very evident in today’s Gospel: ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’

Tuesday 20 April

Acts 7:51-8:1. As we listen to the story of Stephen’s death, we might notice echoes of the story of Jesus’ crucifixion peculiar to Luke’s Gospel. This is intentional, because Luke sees Jesus’ death as also that of a prophet-martyr.

John 6:30-35. Appetites, such as hunger and thirst, are often used metaphorically to speak of hungers of the heart. Today, Jesus satisfies our hunger because he is our bread of life.

Wednesday 21 April

St Anselm of Canterbury, bishop

Acts 8:1-8. Three important characters overlap in today’s narrative: Stephen, Paul and Philip. We will hear much of Paul later; for the moment the story of Philip is taken up. He was also one of the seven chosen in Acts 6:5. Is this the same Philip who was an apostle? This is not so clear, although early tradition affirms it is one and the same person.

John 6:35-40. Our Gospel today is rich in invitation. The words of Pope Francis come to mind: *Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won’t be disappointed.*

Thursday 22 April

Acts 8:26-40. Today we hear a memorable anecdote involving an exotic figure, the finance minister of the “Candace” or queen of Ethiopia. There are considerable links with the Emmaus story: the unrecognized “guest”, the explanation of the Scriptures, the sudden disappearance and displacement. Luke wants us to “hear” these stories together.

John 6:44-51. The sermon on the bread of life continues. You may notice references to the incarnation, the cross and the resurrection. In this Gospel — which has no Lord’s Supper — Jesus “gives” his body and blood on the cross.

Friday 23 April

St George, martyr

Acts 9:1-20. The story of Saul / Paul begins today, a story which will occupy the rest of the Acts. The conversion of Paul was a key event for early Christianity, placing at the service of

Week of Apr. 18th Readings continued

The Way a remarkable person of faith, intelligence and energy. *John 6:52-59.* The “giving of my flesh” takes place in this Gospel at the crucifixion. Eating and drinking are metaphors for faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection, celebrated sacramentally in the Eucharist.

Saturday 24 April

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr

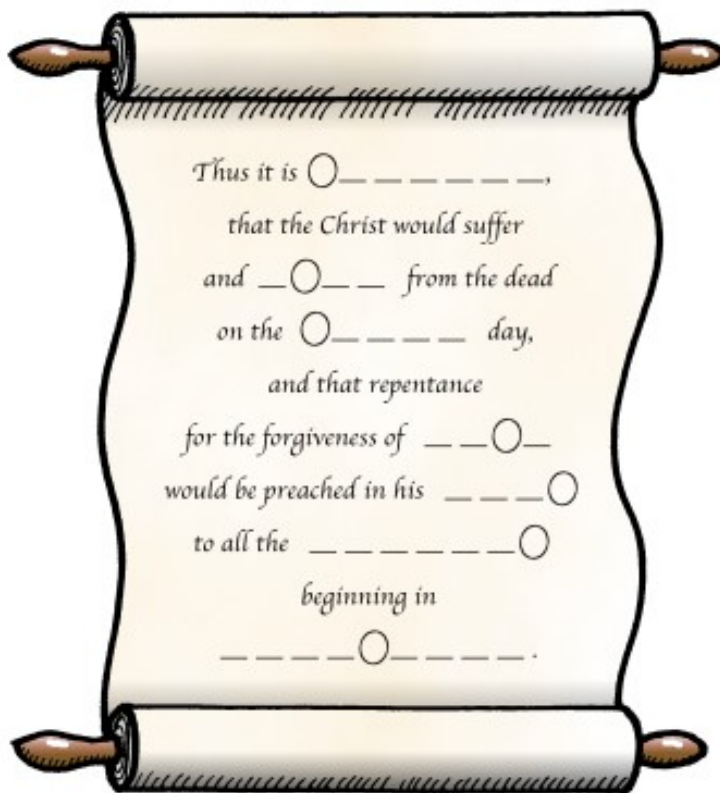
Acts 9:31-42. The story we are about to hear has a double resonance. It resembles the story of Jairus’ daughter in Luke 8, which in turn resembles the story of Elijah and the widow’s son in 1 Kings 17. Luke’s message is clear: great prophetic and life-giving actions continue among the followers of The Way.

John 6:60-69. There are several things “going on” in this reading. The departure of some most likely refers to a split in the community when some walked away (not unknown today, alas). The close of John 6 is a Johannine version of the scene in Caesarea Philippi—*who do you say I am?* The wording is very different, but Peter is the spokesman and this affirmation of faith is one of the strongest in this Gospel.

KIDS CORNER

An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks. Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



*Jesus wants you to be His
_____ to the world!*

JERUSALEM THIRD NAME
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE