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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm
Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Upon request

PARISH OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinatorposition vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Multiple Vacancies—VOTING THIS WEEKEND!

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

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

ORANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris Carskadon.

Fr. Matt also serving at:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM
Sunday10:30 AM
Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 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: Call or email Fr. Matt. You can also use 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 mmarshall@diolclergy.org. 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

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and
are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

August 22, 2021

Readings: 639B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

- 1) Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
- 2) Ephesians 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32
- 3) John 6:60-69

FOCUS: The immense love God has for his people prompts us to love in return.

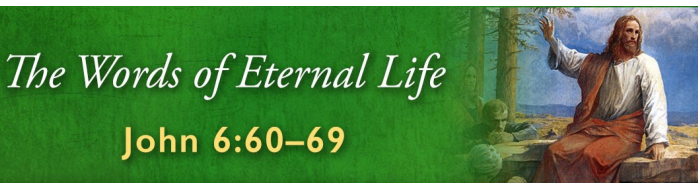
The theme for today's readings is fidelity between God and his people. How loyal are we to Jesus? Are we able to take Peter's words as our own? *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* How well do we even know the words of Jesus? Let us recommit ourselves to deepening our knowledge and love of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Joshua and the tribes of Israel state their fidelity to the Lord God. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul draws a parallel between a spousal relationship and the radical love between Christ and the Church. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that his words are *Spirit and life*, after which only some of his followers continued as disciples.



"Jesus Washing Peter's Feet" by Ford Madox Brown



Next Week in Service — Aug 28/29

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

Reader:	Saturday — Robert Kerska Sunday -Volunteer
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

Intentions

Aug 21 ~ 4:00 PM -†Edward and Anna Kerska
Aug 22 ~ 8:00 AM -†Ken and Irene Roesler
Aug 24 ~ 6:30 PM - †Rosie LeJeune
Aug 26 ~ 8:00 AM - †Audrey Bissen
Aug 28 ~ 4:00 PM -†Jim Coonan
Aug 29~ 8:00 AM -†Joan Urbaneck

Giving Last Week		Week 33	8/15/2021
Adult Env.(26)	\$1670.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$140.00	Received This Week	\$1,900.00
Assumption	\$90.00	YTD Needed	\$63,400.00
Total	\$1900.00	YTD Received	\$61,437.53
		Difference	(1,962.47)

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **August 21/22 ~ Pastoral Council Elections** weekend *****(pushed back a week)****
- **August 28/29 ~ Welcome Fr. Bob Nee** from Cross Catholic Outreach (Fr. Matt will be out of town for the weekend)
- **October 10 ~ Our Annual Pancake Breakfast** is back!
- **December 4 ~ St. Mary's Annual Craft Show**, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the CV Village Hall

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)

Sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



Donations:

- Here are some ways to support your parish:
- 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).
 - *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

From Fr. Matt

Parish Pastoral Council ELECTIONS

Election will take place this weekend during Mass. On the ballot is a short explanation of some of the Pastoral Council responsibilities and the list of 12 candidates.

- Please **vote for 5 different persons**, marking your choices with an 'X' to the left of their name.
- **All parishioners in 10th grade or older** are allowed to vote.
- Absentee votes must be phoned or e-mailed to the parish office by **12 AM Tuesday Aug 24th**. You must include your name with your votes

Thank you to all who accepted the call to be on the ballot for the Pastoral Council elections this week.

Parish Announcements

Celebration of Life

All are welcome to come and celebrate the life of **Linda Jeffers** on Saturday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chaseburg Legion Park.

St. Mary's Craft Show Crafter Registration

Registration form and information has been posted to our website at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show>

St. Mary's will have its own craft table at the craft fair this year for any parishioners who enjoy doing crafts and would like to donate items to be sold at the craft fair with proceeds benefiting the parish. Prices should be marked on the items in advance and they will be collected about a week before the event.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

WI Free and Reduced Lunch Program

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, applications are available in the back of church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Westby School District Office at 608-634-0101.

St. Patrick's Summerfest-Aug 20-22

Friday (bring/grill your own steak & potato bar, Trap Shoot from 6 PM to dark) and Saturday (family activities, food

Diocesan/Local Announcements cont'd

stand, bingo, adult games, live music, raffles and 8 PM Mass) activities will be held at the Eagles Club picnic grounds (on Hwy 21 on NE side of Sparta). Sunday activities will be at the St. Patrick's School (the popular Baked Chicken Dinner, live specialty auction raffle drawing) See the poster in the back of church for more details or visit: <https://facebook.com/SummerfestSparta/>

Chicken-Que - Sept. 9

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 9, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Rummage Sale - Sept 18/19

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, September 17, 11 am - 3 pm, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, September 18, 8 - 11 am, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

15th Annual Ridgifest - Sept. 19

Celebrate the Ridge History Park on Sunday September 19, 2021 from 11 AM- 4 PM with a classic car, truck & tractor show, live polka music, food & beverages, silent auction & bake sale, Farmers market, horse & wagon rides, Barrel train & kites for the kids and a petting zoo. Fun for the whole family!

Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit www.dioc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@dioc.org.

National Catholic Youth Conference - Nov. 20

November 20, 2011 Our Diocese will organize a local/live event in order to participate in the simulcast stream of the main event in Indianapolis, IN. Link to the Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc>

Depressed Anonymous Support Group

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 at Franciscan Spirituality Center office 500 Second St. S, Suite 201, La Crosse. This is a 12-step group for those dealing with depression to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support. If you are interested in participating contact Gayle, 608-406-7990.

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Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Enrollment is Now Open for the 2021-22 School Year
Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Aquinas offers flexible options for financial aid, scholarships, and bus routes to support students and families from all walks of life. Alumni have gone on to succeed in various industries and their accomplishments continue to make Aquinas proud. Enroll today for grades 3P-12TH grade! To learn more or to schedule a visit with one of our principals please call (608) 784-8585 or visit www.aquinaschools.org

Week of August 22nd Readings

Monday 23 August - (St Rose of Lima)

For the next week and a half or so, we hear from 1 Thessalonians, the first letter of Paul to come down to us. Evidently Paul had evangelized the city of Thessalonica about the year AD 49. He then moved on through Athens to Corinth. In the meantime, the new believers in Thessalonica experienced some kind of oppression or harassment. They contacted Paul and he sent Timothy. The letter is in response to Timothy's report.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10
 We begin reading today from the earliest surviving Christian document, Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Paul had founded this community in Greece and then had to move on. Subsequently, they experienced considerable hardship on account of being believers. Paul writes to reassure them and to answer some questions they sent him.

Matthew 23:13-22

The Jesus of this story is stern but be careful not to leave it in the past. His teaching is for us today as well.

Tuesday 24 August - Apocalypse 21:9-14 (St Bartholomew)

What will heaven be like? Using a rich array of metaphors—marriage, jewelry, a city, the twelve tribes and the Lamb of God—our reading offers a stunning, vibrant and inviting portrait.

John 1:45-51

In this Gospel, the spread of the Good News is a kind of wildfire, with one person drawing another in. Symbolically, the fig tree referred to knowledge of God and evil and hence to the Torah which gives us this knowledge.

Wednesday 25 August - 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (St Louis)

It might seem strange to us, but one of the things the Thessalonians resented about Paul was his refusal to take money from them! In a way, he had insulted them, but he **defends** his motives with great energy.

Matthew 23:27-32

The attack on "show" religion continues fiercely. It is important to try to hear this both in the present and personally. It is much easier to leave it in the past and think of others. The last line is unexpectedly robust!

Thursday 26 August - 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

In our first reading today, Paul summarizes his great love for the Christians in Thessalonica. It is a striking expression of real emotional dependence—something we might be uncomfortable with today. He brings this section to a conclusion with a prayer that God might allow him to visit them.

Mark 6:17-29

Week of August 22nd Readings

The gospel—special for the feast—tells the story of the death of John the Baptist. It is a grisly end for a great prophet, facing death at the whim of his enemy.

Friday 27 August - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (St Monica)

Ethical issues are always present. How should the Thessalonians behave, so as to distinguish themselves from the surrounding, much more lax culture? The general advice given then is still valuable today.

Matthew 25:1-13

Parables have focused meanings and so it is no use saying that the wise bridesmaids were lacking in Christian charity! The point lies elsewhere: for all our being in the Christian project together, there are still some things no one else can do for me. Faith must be *my faith*. Prayer must be *my prayer*. And so on.

Saturday 28 August - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 (St Augustine of Hippo)

In this short reading Paul affirms the Thessalonians before he exhorts them to even better behavior. The topic—brotherly love—is never, ever out of date.

Matthew 25:14-30

Today's parable is undoubtedly severe, especially towards the end. The overall message, however, stands: we have all received graces and gifts—but how do we use them?

KIDS CORNER

The Apostles Stay with Jesus

Word Puzzle

John 6:60-69

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.
 Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus said to the

___ 3 ___ [EVLWTE],

"Do ___ 5 ___ [UOY] also wish to go away?"

___ 11 ___ [NMIOS] Peter

___ 12 ___ [WSNAREED]

___ 1 ___ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

___ 10 ___ [OG]? ___ 4 ___ [OUY] have the

___ 8 ___ [DRWOS] of

___ 6 ___ [TEENRLA]

___ 9 ___ [FLIE]; and we have

___ 7 ___ [VEEBILDE] and

have ___ 2 ___ [MCOE] to know that you are the



1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 8 9 10 11 12

Answer: twelve, you, Simon, answered, him, go, you, words, eternal, life, believed, come, HOLY ONE OF GOD.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Candidates

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| 1) Keith Dwyer | 7) Mike Kammel |
| 2) Ryan Goodwin | 8) Robert Kerska |
| 3) Steve Grabowski | 9) Frank LeJeune |
| 4) Curt Horman | 10) Mike LeJeune |
| 5) Marlene Humfeld | 11) Kevin Roesler |
| 6) Sue Humfeld | 12) Steve Schulte |

What is most important for our parish right now?

- 1) *No quote received by time of publication.* ~ Keith Dwyer
- 2) *“This is an extremely challenging time in our country but when I look around my community, things don’t seem to be that bad. Our church and our parishioners need to be the light, and this starts with reading and listening to the words of Jesus, coming to church, and for all of us to carry our cross to overcome challenges and inspire others to do the same.”* ~ Ryan Goodwin
- 3) *The most important thing is growth, support, and feeling welcome.* ~ Steve Grabowski
- 4) *“Having music at Mass, activities at church (like Pancake Breakfast for a fundraiser), and fixing the trim on the church’s house.”* ~ Curt Horman
- 5) *“The most important thing is for people to come back to church again. That’s a priority we need to address.”* ~ Marlene Humfeld
- 6) *“Continue to carry the needs of the Church to all parishioners during this pandemic time. Encourage parishioners to voice their needs and concerns. And bring religious opportunities back to young people again, get them involved in Church.”* ~ Sue Humfeld
- 7) *“By serving on the counsel, I will be better able to contribute more meaningfully to St. Mary’s parish and to the Coon Valley community in general. The success of any parish, however, is dependent on the involvement of all its members, and not just those few who volunteer to serve on various boards and committees.”* ~ Mike Kammel
- 8) *I wish to serve on the Parish Council because I believe in the following:*
 - *St. Mary’s needs to be an integral part of the Coon Valley community, providing support and assistance when needed.*
 - *Our young people are our future, and we need to do more to encourage and support their faith journey.*
 - *Until recently, we had an active Men’s Club. We need to bring that back so that, along with the PCCW, we can support Saint Mary’s.* ~ Bob Kerska
- 9) *“I would like to see St. Mary’s have some family social events. That these events are not fundraisers. That they are paid for by using the rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal.”* ~ Frank LeJeune
- 10) *“We need to get members coming back to church again. We are missing too many people, especially younger parishioners.”* ~ Mike LeJeune
- 11) *“Maintaining what we have.”* ~ Keven Roesler
- 12) *We need to get parishioners involved again in our church with family activities so they realize that St. Mary’s is a supportive community of faith and more than just weekly mass attendance.* ~ Steve Schulte