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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 frmattmarshall@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 a 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: Please call or email Fr. Matt to have an intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

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"O, Jerusalem" by Greg Olsen

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

March 21, 2021

Readings: 515B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

- 1) Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 2) Hebrews 5:7-9
- 3) John 12:20-33

FOCUS: We follow and serve with hearts remade in Christ.

To make us his people and show us his love, God established a covenant with us. Christ came to usher in a new covenant – one that would reconcile us to God and draw all people to himself. With hearts remade, we follow and serve him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord announces *a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah*. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as *the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Andrew and Philip that the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified, and that those who serve him must follow him.

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Intentions

Mar 20 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfeld
Mar 21 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ken and Irene Roesler
Mar 23 ~ 6:30 PM - †William and Rose Marie LeJeune
Mar 25 ~ 8:00 AM - †Frank Sedevie
Mar 27 ~ 4:00 PM - †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
Mar 28 ~ 8:00 AM - †Living and deceased members of the Shay and Pedretti Families

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.

Next Week in Service — Mar 28th

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

Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland
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Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **March 24** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 27/28** ~ Palm Sunday
- **March 30** ~ Fr. Matt's 33rd Birthday!
- **April 1** ~ *Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM*
- **April 2** ~ *Good Friday at 3:00 PM*
- **April 3** ~ *Holy Saturday Mass at 7:30 PM*
- **April 4** ~ *Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM*

Our 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)



STATIONS of the CROSS

**On March 24th
at 6:30 PM**

Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 03/17/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$16,765.00	\$16,173.56
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
Over Target	\$3,840.00	\$3,248.56
Percent Pledged: 129.71%, Percent Received: 124.75%		
Number Contributing:	37	
<p>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.</p>		



LENT

Giving Last Week		Week 11	3/14/2021
Adult Env.(15)	\$723.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$66.00	Received This Week	\$789.00
Total	\$789.00	YTD Needed	\$20,900.00
		YTD Received	\$18,523.67
E. Flowers(PCCW)	\$30.00	Difference	(2,376.33)

From Fr. Matt:

- The Administrative Assistant at St. Mary's in Viroqua will be on leave for a few weeks starting Monday, March 22nd. Please allot me a little more time to respond to your concerns until Fran returns and Holy Week has passed. Thank you!

Parish Announcements

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers Needed for Holy Week

We will need help for Holy Week from Readers, Servers, and Ushers starting on **Palm Sunday, March 27/28 through Easter Sunday, April 4**. If you are able to help one or more areas please sign up in the back of church. Your time and talents are much appreciated.

Easter Flower Donation Envelopes

Please find Easter Flower Collection envelopes at the back entrance to church. Donations may be made in Memorial/Honor of someone. Any donation that is received by March 28th will have their name printed in the Easter bulletin.



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

CRS Rice Bowls and Student Mite Boxes

It's not too late to make an offering to Catholic Relief Services or the Missionary Childhood Association by using one of their boxes. Extra boxes are located in the back of church. You may return the boxes anytime during Holy Week by including them in the collection. Remember to add your name to the box so we may record your contribution.

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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>.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Promise: Our Lord's words to St. Faustina, "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary #699). "I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of my Mercy" (Diary #965). For more information on Divine Mercy, go to thedivinemercy.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main Street, La Crosse, from 12 Noon – 3:15 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon along with hourly recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A Divine Mercy information video will be shown at 12:20 and 1:30 p.m. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 p.m. Come when you can; leave when you must.

Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild

Join us to celebrate Padre Jose and learn more about how he lives among us today. We will unveil a new video and share stories of his missions with the children in Peru at Casa Hogar! This event will be a lead in to Holy Week, which is always a special time to celebrate and remember Padre Jose in Peru and around the world. Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00pm CST. Zoom Meeting: Please email ssceery@frjoesguild.org to sign up in advance.

Lent: Questions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

If God knows my sins, why do I have to confess them? God doesn't need it. We need it. Confessing helps us to own up to the fact that we are sinners in need of redemption. Confessing strengthens us to stop comparing, making excuses and assigning blame. **Lenten confession opportunities are listed in the back of church.**

Employment Opportunity:

Administrative Assistant for the Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life/ Youth Ministry
Apply: [Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse](http://diolc.org/jobs) (diolc.org/jobs)

Knights of Columbus Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is looking for men seeking a career opportunity, representing their insurance program as a Field Agent. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be an eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Tim Nowak, General Agent, at

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Diocesan/Local Announcements

(920) 462-4100 or by email at timothy.knowak@kofc.org or check us out at: www.kofcwi.org



Week of Mar 21st Readings

Monday 22 March

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

This dramatic reading follows on extremely well from yesterday's Gospel about the woman caught in adultery. Many dimensions could help us, but perhaps the courage and intelligence of Daniel could be underlined.

John 8:12-20

The theme of judgement unites the two readings—by which standards do we judge? In the discussion with the Pharisees, the Fourth Gospel offers us a deep and still challenging understanding of Jesus. Who was he? Who is he?

Tuesday 23 March

Numbers 21:4-9

We know from our human experience that when something is harming us, we need to face it. Something of that ordinary experience lies beyond this extraordinary story. The image of the serpent lifted up is found on the lips of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel, speaking of his own death and resurrection.

John 8:21-30

The image of "lifting up"—so central to John's Gospel—is taken from the story of the bronze serpent. The evangelist reminds us of our need for the healing that God provides in Jesus.

Wednesday 24 March

Daniel 3:14-20, 24-25, 28

In this dramatic illustration, faithfulness to the one true God is a deadly risk—and yet God shows himself to be faithful to all who are faithful to him.

John 8:31-42

In early Christian reflection, Abraham was in everyone's mind—notably in Paul's but also as we see in John's gospel. The big question being answered is, who is Jesus?

Thursday 25 March

The Annunciation to the BVM

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10

The birth of a child—as in this reading—is always a sign of hope.

Hebrews 10:4-10

Our reading today reflects on the death of Jesus, in the light of the incarnation. The offering is not the blood or the suffering but the interior disposition: 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Luke 1:26-38

In the Bible, there are stories of couples who cannot have children. An annunciation resolves the situation. Our annunciation

Week of Mar. 21st Readings (cont.)

is similar, yet significantly different on account of the child to be born — son of the Most High, descendant of Jacob and David, Jesus the Messiah.

Friday 26 March

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Right up to today, good people are made to suffer when they tell the truth and say it like it is. This was true also in the past: Jeremiah suffered greatly for his convictions and prophecies, in the same way as Jesus would, much later.

John 10:31-42

As often in John's gospel, we are over-hearing later disputes about the identity of Jesus and the arguments for and against. Only in the light of the resurrection did the early Christian really grasp who Jesus was and who the risen Jesus is today.

Saturday 27 March

Ezekiel 37:21-28

This short reading was written at a time of national disaster and disgrace. As we listen, we might keep in mind what picture of God comes out of this picture? Can it help me or us today?

John 11:45-56

Today, our reading takes us to the consequences of the story of Lazarus. John's Gospel is looking back after many years of prayer and reflection. The evangelist sees that the cause of Jesus' death was really who he was — the Messiah and the Son of God. Ironically, Caiaphas speaks a deep truth, even if he doesn't know what he is really saying: *it is better for one man to die for the people.*

KIDS CORNER

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21st, 2021



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?



Congratulations on your Confirmation Day



March 13, 2021

Confirmation



Pictured above: Garret Vatland, Brock Hoskins, Grant McCauley, Dustin Kenyon, Brittney Mislivecek, and Fr. Matt Marshall

"Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 8:17



Special thank you to Lisa Vatland for submitting the Confirmation photos.

Meditations for the Fifth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

The Son of Man

John 12:20–33

As the Gospel opens, Jesus is well aware that his time on earth is coming to a close. In fact, he admits that he is “troubled,” but adds, “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Upset as he admits he is, he still puts the Father first.

In today’s Gospel, a voice responds to Jesus’ prayer by saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” In the second part of this passage, Jesus tries to explain to the crowds his true identity, the Son of Man, and the real meaning of the cross — the salvation of all the world.

Through his obedience to the Father, Jesus reveals God’s glory.

He foreshadows his crucifixion and death through the language of service: “If someone might give service to me, let him follow.

Where I am, there also will be my servant.”

As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we are called to bring forth the glory of the Lord as we follow Christ in service to God and one another. Let us remember not just the pain of Christ’s passion, but the reason for his death — to bring us the gift of reconciliation with God the Father.

FOR REFLECTION

- › Am I carving out enough time to pray this Lenten season?
- › Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive?
- › How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“This is the promise that he made us: eternal life.”
— 1 John 2:25

Thank you, my God, for your steadfast love, which guides me in this life and waits to welcome me home to the next.





OUR FAITH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

According to Church law, all Catholics “having reached the age of discretion” are required to confess all “grave sins” at least one a year. It is also recommended that they confess venial sins. Lent is the ideal time to make a good confession. Most parishes offer extended confession times and even special penance services.

Catechism CONNECTION

“It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent ‘pardon and peace.’ It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God.’”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1424

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Fasting

Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Fasting not only reminds us of our dependence on God but also on the needs of others, the hungry and the poor. Fasting is a Gospel value, but not fasting by itself. Fasting and almsgiving are Gospel twins. Our tradition of fasting has never been to purge, to deprive the body for deprivation’s sake, but to have more to give away. We fast in order to place ourselves in solidarity with the poor and hungry. If the grocery money saved by our fasting does not somehow help feed the poor and hungry then our fasting is empty and useless.



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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Random Acts of Kindness

Part of penance is service, and we are called to serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family, write out several random acts of kindness that can be carried out over the week. Include things like smiling at someone, picking up trash, inviting someone to play a game, making a phone call to a grandparent, and helping someone carry a package. Throughout the week, have each family member draw a slip and complete the action. When everyone has completed their random act, talk about what happened and how it felt. Be sure to pray for the recipients of your acts of kindness.

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