

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

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

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafshien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan

Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,

Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed

vacancy)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters

(Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

ORGANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris

Carskadon.

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

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

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 5:15 PM & Fridays - 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: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fatherjoerichards@gmail.com 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

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

May 14, 2023

Readings: 562A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sunday Readings

May 14, 2023

1) *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;* 2) *1 Peter 3:15-18;*
3) *John 14:15-21*


<u>Intentions</u>
May 13 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
May 14 ~ 8:00 AM - † Arlene and Norbert Seichter
May 16 ~ 5:15 PM - † Wayne Stuber
May 18 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Stevenson
May 20 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
May 21 ~ 8:00 AM - † Kylie Von Ruden

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 17. Jul 2, 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20. Sep 17.

Weekdays open: Jun 6 & 22. Aug 1, 29, & 31. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.




Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Next Week in Service — May 20/21

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

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska	Sun. – Volunteer
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman	

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time) and **Thurs. from Mass until noon.** 

Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand (608-606-9787)* or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.

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.

Upcoming Events/Calendar


- **May 13/14** ~ Mother's Day weekend Rose Sale
- **May 15** ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- **May 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **May 21** ~ HS Graduate Blessing and First Communion during Mass, Religious Education end of year celebration after Mass.
- **May 25** ~ Catechism Study Group after 8 AM Mass
- **May 27-Jun 7** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, trip to the Holy Land, no daily Mass
- **May 27/28** ~ Welcome Msgr. Steven Kachel help-out priest for the weekend
- **May 29** ~ Memorial Day
- **June 3/4** ~ Welcome Fr. Sam McCarty help-out priest for the weekend
- **June 8** ~ Catechism Study Group 8:30 AM
- **June 15** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM

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

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

We prayerfully ask you to consider your pledge/contribution to the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign which includes this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Pledge weekend will be coming up in June. The funds raised will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of May 10, 2023
Pledges received at the Diocese(5): \$27,100.00
Payments received at the Diocese: \$2,300.00



Donations:

Here are some ways to support your parish:

- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (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/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

Giving Last Week		Week 19	5/7/2023
Adult Env(31)	\$1,926.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$193.00	Received This Week	\$2,119.00
Total	\$2,119.00	Running total needed	\$38,000.00
		YTD Received	\$34,961.15
		Difference	(3,038.85)

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

Last weekend I mentioned that we've got an incoming seminarian (John) prepping to stay with us for a few months this summer. Before we talk about John, let me share with you a bit of background about seminary life in general. When we talk about "seminarians" we're talking about guys considering and pursuing the priesthood, and when we talk about "seminary" we're talking about priest school – usually four years of college (or for graduates, two years of catch-up work called "pre-theology"), also called "minor seminary," and four years of graduate level study, also called "major seminary." During the academic year, seminarians take courses in philosophy, theology, and special interests (I spent my extra time examining redemptive suffering, gender & identity politics, and the woodshop), as well as receiving pastoral, spiritual, and human formation. During summers, seminarians focus on a more targeted area of formation, such as hospital chaplaincy, learning Spanish, or (as in John's case) parish immersion. I reached out to John to share a little introduction with us. Here's what he says:

Hello,

My name is John Francis and I am very excited to be helping out at Annunciation and St. Mary's this Summer as a seminarian! Originally from Chippewa Falls, WI, I attended UW-Eau Claire, graduating with a degree in business administration. Soon after, I felt a call to the priesthood and decided to enter the Journey program (a one year discernment program for men considering seminary). There I was able to grow further with my faith in formation classes, spiritual direction and weekend parish assignments. Upon completion of the program in April, I feel more drawn to the priesthood than ever and will be starting my first year of Pre-Theology at St. Francis de Sales in Milwaukee this Fall.

Before then, I am excited to meet all of you! In the summer, I love to be outdoors: running, playing basketball, swimming, sailing and golfing are some of my favorites. During the colder months, you can find me skiing: downhill or cross country. Whatever time of year, though, I am an avid trumpet player, so let me know if you ever want to play!

In Christ, John

Again, please go out of your way to welcome John this summer – invite him over for dinner. As I see it, goal one of his time here is to give him more of the data he needs so he can understand what he's preparing himself for and to help him make an informed decision about pursuing the priesthood. That goal is met by A) witnessing what it looks like for a priest to live a priest's life and B) by his experience of another few parishes in the diocese. Goal two is for us to get to know a young man who's taking his discipleship really seriously and to participate in his formation. In both cases, I'm excited.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Mother's Day Weekend Rose Sale

The PCCW will hold it's annual Rose Sale after the Masses this weekend. The beauty and delicacy of the rose reminds us of the dignity of each human life. Proceeds go to support WI Right to Life
Suggested donation is \$2.00.



HS Graduates Blessing and First Communion followed by End of Year Religious Education Celebration Nest Sunday, May 21, 2023

We will be having our annual blessing of our graduates during Mass on Sunday, May 21st. Please pray for **Brittney Mislivecek and Garratt Vatland** as we celebrate and recognize this significant achievement. This very same day we have the First Communion of **Dylan Wiedemann**, please pray for him as he comes to the table of the Lord for the first time.

After the Mass everyone is welcome to join us in the basement to celebrate all our students, especially our graduates, first communicants (including **Emersen LeJeune** at Sacred Heart) and confirmand, **Alison Fortun** (confirmed May 4th in Richland Center).



The PCCW St. Rose and St. Theresa guilds will be serving the food at the celebration for our communicants, confirmands and graduates. This will be after the 8:00 AM mass on May 21. Guild members, please be willing to help when contacted by your guild chairperson.

May Rosary Month

Join us for the Rosary before the weekend masses in May. If you are interested in helping with this, please call or text Karen Callan 608 397-3490. Thanks! Be at the church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate.

DCCW Second Collection Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women collection. Our parish collected \$279. This money will be used for many important programs supported by the organization.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for church members interested in helping to periodically clean the church basement. There are currently four volunteer groups who take care of the church proper on a monthly basis. The basement only needs to be done about four times a year. Please leave a message at the church office or contact Clarice Kammel if interested.

Starting a Parish Library

The PCCW would like to start a shared "spiritual/religious" library. If you have any appropriate books that you would like to share with others please place them in the box in the back of the church. These should only be religious or spiritual books. Once we have gathered enough books they will be displayed for members to "check out" and read.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Armed Forces Day May 20th

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

To our men and women serving in the military,
WE THANK YOU!

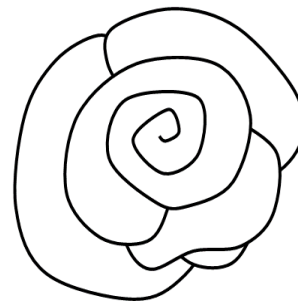


Activity Corner

Mother's Day Word Search

R H H I A Z E B A P M Y S S C
L E E E R P L V Q J R A T P A
O O H O L E P Z I C O D F E R
V D N T S P S R W G X I I C N
E O X S O P Y P E K R L G I A
H O E L P M A X E C S O V A T
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C O M M A N D M E N T H T S N
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APPRECIATE
BLESSED
CARNATIONS
COMMANDMENT
EXAMPLE
FORGIVE
GIFTS
HELP
HOLIDAY



HONOR
LISTEN
LOVE
MOTHER
OBEY
PLEASES
RESPECT
SPECIAL
THANK



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

Follow the QR code or visit:
[https://diolc.org/safe-environment/
reporting/](https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting/)

Chicken-Que – May 22

Tickets are now on sale for this spring's St. Patrick Parish of Onalaska Chicken-Que to be held Monday, May 22. Serving from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm or sold out. Meal Includes half of Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Roll. Pre-Sale tickets: \$13, Day of Que tickets: \$15. Meal Catered by Rooster Andy's. Tickets are available at the Church and School offices during the week. Group or Business Lunch Orders Delivered: Call Mike Carney at 608-385-8380 or email at carney8mc@gmail.com.

Sacred Music Concert - May 28

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, is presenting a concert of Sacred Music, May 28th, in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The concert will be representative of multiple periods of music, various instruments, and vocal talent. Learn more and stay up to date with events at [GuadalupeShrine.org/
events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)

5 Day Youth Choir Camp - Jun 19-23

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18) June 19-23, 2023, 9:15am - Noon . Many elements of music will be studied each day. The entire group will come together twice each day, singing things they've learned, and will also sing for the 12:15pm Mass in the Shrine Church each of the five days.

Register online at www.guadalupe Shrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp!

Family camp dates for summer 2023 are June 9th-11th and July 21-23! To come to family camp, you simply must be a family interested in deepening your family's faith, together, in the great outdoors! For more information, visit www.crosswoods.camp/

Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 14-18

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 14-18. No experience needed. Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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