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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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## COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Niki Haugh

## 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,  
Mike Kammel, Jim Prindle and Steve Schulte.  
(2 appointed vacancies)

## 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

Sunday .....10:30 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [mmarshall@diolclergy.org](mailto: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](http://stmarycv.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley)



"Ein schwerer Gang (Der Gang nach Bethlehem)" by Fritz von Uhde

## The Holy Family

*Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God. And so we are.*

*~John 3:1*

## Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

December 26, 2021

Readings: 495C

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 1) 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28
- 2) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
- 3) Luke 2:41-52

**FOCUS:** *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

Jesus is the Son of God, sent out of love to do the Father's will. Out of love, he obeys. Through the life and sacrifice of Jesus, we become children of God and heirs to the Kingdom, which in turn requires of us – in love – to *keep his commandments and do what pleases him*. As Christ was meant to be in his Father's house, so, too, are we meant to join him: in worship here in this life and for eternity in the next. We do this through love of God and one another, with the help of the Spirit he gave us.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Hannah bears a son and offers him to the Lord. John writes that the Father's love *bestowed on us* has allowed us to be *called the children of God*, and *we should ... love one another just as he commanded us*. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph search for Jesus *with great anxiety*. After they find him in the temple, Jesus explains that he had to be in his Father's house.

### Next Week in Service — Jan 1/2

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

Reader:	<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> -Volunteer
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

### Intentions

<b>Dec 24 ~ 4:00 PM - †Bernie and Cecilia Humfeld</b>
<b>Dec 25 ~ 8:00 AM - †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roninggen Families</b>
Dec 25 ~ 4:00 PM - NO Mass
Dec 26 ~ 8:00 AM - †James Malin
Dec 28 ~ 6:30 PM - †Jeff Hundt
Dec 30 ~ 8:00 AM - †Durwood "Woody" Roninggen
Jan 01 ~ 4:00 PM - †Durwood "Woody" Roninggen
Jan 02 ~ 8:00 AM - †Sylvester Dowiasch

#### 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](http://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).
- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Christmas Eve** (Friday, Dec. 24th) - 4:00 p.m. here and 8:00 p.m. at Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua.
- **Christmas Day** (Saturday, Dec. 25th) - 8:00 a.m. here and 10:30 a.m. at Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua  
*There will be **no vigil Mass on Saturday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** (4pm and 6:30pm) at either St Mary's Coon Valley or ABVM Parish, Viroqua. Regular Mass times will resume on Sunday morning December 26<sup>th</sup>.*
- **January 8 & 9 ~ NO WEEKEND MASS**
- **January 16 ~ Religious Education Class** following Mass

#### 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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Remember to shop for deals at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



### Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 12/22/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$4,665.00	\$4,465.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,020.00</u>	<u>\$14,020.00</u>
Under Target	(\$9,355.00)	(\$9,555.00)
Percent Pledged: 33.27%, Percent Received: 31.85%		
Number Contributing:	18	

[Give online at https://diolc.org/donate-online/](https://diolc.org/donate-online/) be sure and choose "2021 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley"

**Mass Intentions**

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

**Sunday** have openings starting January 23, 2022. **Saturdays** have openings beginning May 21, 2022. **Weekdays** have openings beginning January 4, 2022.

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or call on a Tues. or Wed.

Giving Last Week		Week 50	12/19/2021
Adult Env.(19)	\$820.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$229.63	Received This Week	\$1,811.63
Memorials	653.00	Running total needed	\$99,400.00
Immac. Concep	20.00	YTD Received	\$94,202.68
Votive Candles	<u>89.00</u>	Difference	(5,197.32)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,811.63</u></b>		
Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$45.00	Food Pantry	\$207.89

## From Fr. Matt



**Thank you to everyone who shared encouraging notes and gifts with me for Christmas!** Your love and support is so appreciated. I feel truly honored to be able to share in people's lives the way I do. To be a part of so many people's stories, to accompany people on their spiritual journeys. I love you all.

**There will be no weekend Masses January 8th and 9th.** I will be at my sister's wedding and have been unable to find another priest. Here are some other Mass locations and times if you are able to travel that weekend:

- *St. Peter, Middle Ridge, W697 State Road 33 Rockland*  
Sat 8 PM, Sun 10 AM
- *St. Joseph Ridge Parish, W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse*  
Sat 4 PM, Sun 8:30 AM
- *Holy Trinity, 1333 13th St S, La Crosse*  
Sat 4:45 PM, Sun 8:15 and 9:45 AM
- *Mary Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston St, La Crosse*  
Sat 4 PM, Sun 8 and 10 AM

Merry Christmas, Fr. Matt

## Parish Announcements

### 2022 Envelopes and Calendars

If you have not already done so, please pick up your envelopes from the back of church. This will help us save on the mailing expense. If you cannot find your booklet or you do not currently use envelopes and would like a booklet please leave a message at the parish office.

The beautiful 2022 calendars are also available for pickup in the back of church. These calendars include all the important liturgical dates for the year.

### 2021 End-of-Year Contributions

All donations that need to be recorded for the 2021 tax year must be submitted on or before Thursday, December 30th at 12:00pm

All donations to the office by this time will be posted to the 2021 year-end tax statement. Any payments made after the deadline will post to the 2022 year-end tax statement.



## Religious Education

### Registration for Classes Now Open

We will begin in person classes starting on January 16, 2022. Now is the time to register your child(ren). Classes are FREE! However, we do need a headcount as soon as possible for planning purposes. All previously enrolled families should have received a form in the mail, otherwise there are forms available in the back of church and online at: [www.stmarycv.org/religious-education](http://www.stmarycv.org/religious-education). Download, fill out, and return to the parish.



## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Catholic Charities—Afghan Refugees

Thank you to everyone who is interested in volunteering their time, skills, and compassionate nature in providing service to our new Afghan neighbors currently living at Fort McCoy. We need a lot of help over the next few months!

We currently operate:

- Three Women and Children Centers
  - Two Sewing Centers
  - One Learning Center for children and young adults and supporting over six local centers around the base
  - One Legal Center
  - Six Indoor Recreational Centers for children and adults
- Former Camp Counselors, Retired School Teachers, Physical Education Teachers or Coaches, Social Workers, Compassionate Community Members...**What ever your talent or skill, WE NEED YOU!!** <https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance/>

### Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Christmas video message for you at: <https://youtu.be/-FbheRLg4eI>.

### 2022 Pilgrimage for Life

We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. For more information visit: <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life-2022/>

### Help those Devastated by Recent Tornadoes in Several States

Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities' website—[CCLSE.org](http://CCLSE.org)—click on "Donate Today," and enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.



### 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.



## This Weeks Readings by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

### Monday 27 December *St John the Evangelist*

*1 John 1:1-4* The introduction to the letter feels like a meditation on John 1:1-18, from the point of view of lived experience.

*John 20:2-8* The Beloved Disciple — second in honor but first in faith — sees and believes.

### Tuesday 28 December *Holy Innocents*

*1 John 1:5-2:2* Our first reading stays close to the themes of Christmas, proclaiming Jesus as truly human (blood) and as the light. As our advocate, he continues to intercede for us.

*Matthew 2:13-18* The so-called “Massacre of the Innocents” serves three important functions. Firstly, on account of the citation from Jeremiah, it brings into focus the Babylonian Exile, adding that to the rich evocation of Old Testament stories in Matthew 1-2. Secondly, it reminds us, even in the Christmas season, of the tragic side of human life — unjust suffering is real. And finally, it looks forward to the final outcome of Jesus’ own life, the death of the Innocent One par excellence.

### Wed 29 December *St Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr.*

*1 John 2:3-11* The commandment to love is both new and old. It is old, because the commandment to love God and your neighbor was always there. It is new for two reasons. Firstly, we see the love of God disclosed in a totally new way in Jesus. Second, because of the gift of the Spirit we are enabled to keep this great commandment.

*Luke 2:22-35* The reading helps us in two ways. Firstly of all, we see the family of Jesus acting in accordance with Jewish tradition: the mother is purified and the baby is presented — following ancient tradition. Secondly, the deeply attractive picture of Simeon shows us an old person, fully of faithfulness and open to the surprise of God.

### Thursday 30 December

*1 John 2:12-17* The write addresses different “constituencies” in the community, children, the young and parents. A little care is needed in understanding: the “world” is not creation as such but evil forces which take us away from God.

*Luke 2:36-40* This story continues yesterday, balancing the genders. Calling Anna a “prophetess” can surprise, but there were indeed woman prophets in ancient Israel: Miriam, Deborah, the wife of Isaiah, Huldah and Noadiah. In very old age, for the time, Anna is full of expectation and discernment.

### Friday 31 December

*1 John 2:18-21* There is an edgy moment in this reading. Clearly some members have defected (and are dismissed), but the final tone is affirmative: It is not because you do not know the truth that I am writing to you but rather because you know it already.

*John 1:1-18* This great reading was already proclaimed on Christmas Day. We are invited to listen again, with “the ears of the heart” as St Augustine puts it. As you listen, notice that we too are part of the proclamation, part of the Good News.

### Saturday 1 January *Mary, mother of God*

*Numbers 6:22-27* As a new year opens, we glance back over the previous year, looking not only to the outward events, but also to the inward journey. Have I grown in

## This Weeks Readings (continued)

faith? What nourished me this year?

*Galatians 4:4-7* All of us know from within that we are children of God and, in the Spirit, we can call out Abba, Father!

*Luke 2:16-21* The portrait of Mary in Luke 1-2 is meant to illustrate discipleship and to inspire disciples. Clearly a woman of faith, she appropriates all that happens by treasuring and pondering. Cf. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:51)

## KIDS CORNER



# Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Christmas Day and  
Feast of the Holy Family  
December 25 & 26, 2021



*There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?*

# Flower Donations in Memory/Honor Of:

As of 12/22/2021

***Jim and Betty Callan  
Bob and Leona Welsh***  
By Mike and Karen Callan

***Arlan and Virginia Dwyer  
Rhonda Buckmaster***  
By Keith Dwyer

***Larry and Myrtle Geier  
Chuck and Theresa Brueggen  
Mary Brueggen***  
By Curt and Jean Geier

***Joseph and Stella Grabowski  
Norbert and Arlene Seichter***  
By Steve and Michelle Grabowski

***Jim Mack  
Jack and Mary Robinson  
Marj Strait  
Mary Sue Galstad  
Barb Mack***  
By Niki Haugh

***David and Shirley Hanson  
Henry and Myra Hanson  
Ken and Jo Hanson  
Larry and Sara McKittrick***  
By Dave and Sue Humfeld

***Linda Jeffers***  
By Bob Jeffers

***Edward and Anna Kerska***  
By Robert E. Kerska

***Bernard, Cecelia, and Larry Humfeld***  
By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

***Jayne Peterson***  
By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

***Donald and Rita Weber  
Alfred and Mildred Roesler***  
By John and Carol Roesler

***Deceased members of the Roskos and  
Roningen Families***  
By Woody and Rosey Roningen

***Helen and Leyton Stafslie  
Lucas Seelow  
Nevaeh Niemyjski***  
By Amy Stafslie Family

***Dan Tiedeman***  
By Caroline Tiedeman

***Kylie Von Ruden***  
By Bruce, Shirley, Chase & Kenzie  
Von Ruden

***Gavin Williams  
Ken and Hazel Williams***  
By Rick and Sue Williams



Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish. If you have donated toward the flowers and your name is not listed here, please contact the parish office. Updates will be posted in the back of church.