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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - **6:30 PM** and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Area Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

Starting Feb 1st:

Sat. 6:30 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 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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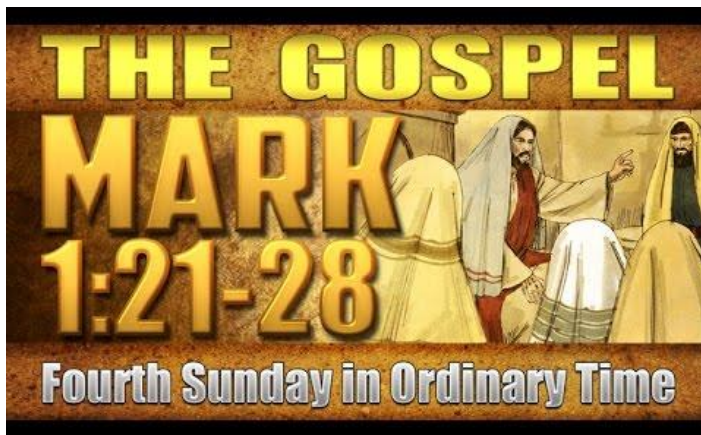
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"Jesus Washing Peter's Feet" by Ford Maddox Brown



Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

January 31, 2021

Readings: 588B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

- 1) Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
- 3) Mark 1:21-28

FOCUS: Those who witness Jesus' authority and healing power are amazed.

In today's Gospel account of Jesus entering Capernaum, those who heard his teaching and witnessed him drive out an unclean spirit are astonished. Their amazement is due to the authority of Christ, who is God himself. Are we, too, in awe at the work of God in our lives?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet and put his own words in the prophet's mouth. This prophet will speak all that God commands him to. Saint Paul encourages the Corinthians to be free from anxieties and be *without distraction* so that they may be fully devoted to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches in a synagogue in Capernaum. As he speaks, and as he drives out an unclean spirit, the crowd is *amazed* by his authority.



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021
January 31 - February 6 #CSW21

Greeting from Bishop Callahan for Catholic Schools Week, visit: <https://youtu.be/IOh3KRRgQFA>

Intentions

Jan 30 ~ 4:00 PM - †Rosie LeJeune
Jan 31 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ken and Irene Roesler
Feb 02 ~ 6:00 PM - For peace in our world, country, and homes
Feb 04 ~ 8:00 AM - †Anton Kerska
Feb 06 ~ 4:00 PM - †Mary Rabotski
Feb 07 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jack and Mary Robinson

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.



Next Week in Service — Feb 6th

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

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman
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Upcoming Events/Calendar

- February 1 ~ New weekday Mass time—Tuesdays will be at **6:30 PM**
- February 16 ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:45 PM
- February 17 ~ *Ash Wednesday Service—12 PM (noon)*
- February 24 ~ Stations of the Cross

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)



Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 01/28/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,265.00	\$13,429.28
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
Over Target	\$1,340.00	\$504.28

Percent Pledged: 110.37%, Percent Received: 103.9%

Number Contributing: 35

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.

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.

Giving Last Week		Week 04	1/24/2021
Adult Env.(22)	\$1323.25	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$49.00	Received This Week	\$1,425.25
Votive candles	<u>\$102.00</u>	YTD Needed	\$7,600.00
Total	<u>\$1425.25</u>	YTD Received	\$5,264.25
		Difference	(2,335.75)

From Fr. Matt:

- **Mass times are slightly changing: Tuesdays in Coon Valley** and Wednesdays in Viroqua will be at **6:30 PM**. Viroqua's 5:15 PM on Sundays is moving to Saturdays at 6:30 PM.

- **Reminder:** if school is cancelled or delayed, Thursday morning Mass will be cancelled. Plan according to weather for Tuesday and weekend Masses. Be safe!

- **Feb 6th and 7th we will celebrate the tradition of Candlemas** which commemorates the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth. Around that day each year it is customary to bless candles for use in churches and homes. **Please consider bringing some candles with you to Mass that weekend to be blessed.** It can be a really helpful prayer practice to set aside some space in your home for prayer, perhaps lighting those blessed candles whenever you take time for prayer in your own holy place.

Parish Announcements

2020 Contribution Statements

All statements have been picked up or mailed. If you have questions or concerns about your statement, or you do not receive your statement, please contact the parish office.

Staying 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).**

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

Thank You

The Butikk would like to say a big "THANK YOU" for your recent donation of \$133.44. It is because of generous gifts such as yours that we are able to keep the food pantry in operation. With much appreciation,

The Bethel Butikk Food Pantry

In the 2020 statement, St. Mary's have supported the Butikk Food Pantry by donating a total of \$744.81. The Butikk states: "We are grateful for your trust and commitment to our mission."

Diocesan/Local Announcements

COVID Vaccination Pre-Registration

Vernon County Health Department staff are currently working on identifying those that would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. They will be working with health care workers and long term care staff/residents during the phase 1A administration. Once the state gives us approval to move to phase 1C, which may include those who are 65 years and older or have chronic health conditions, we will start contacting those interested in receiving vaccine. Those 65 years of age and older, or those with chronic health conditions are welcome to apply already. Please call Vernon County Health Department at 608-637-5251 or visit: <https://form.jotform.com/210124014290134>.

The Housing Authority of the City of La Crosse (LHA) is pleased to announce the following:

- Recent award of forty new vouchers for the Mainstream Voucher program.
- Adoption of new program preferences
- Opening of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher / Mainstream Voucher program waiting lists.
- Closing and reopening of Public Housing and Forest Park/Ping Manor waiting lists.

Questions, please call our office at (608) 782-2264 or check us out online at www.lacrossehousing.org. Informational flyers are posted in the back of church.

MCA Christmas Artwork Contest

The Missionary Childhood Association is seeking submissions for its annual Christmas artwork contest! All children in kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to participate. All they have to do is use their creativity to draw or paint a beautiful Christmas scene. Possible subjects include the Nativity, wise men and Angel Gabriel. Then, this December, MCA will select 22 winners from across the United States. Two grand-prize winners will also be chosen, having their artwork featured on the national Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies. All winners will receive a commemorative plaque and be invited to a special celebration in December 2021. **Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or via our online webform at: <http://MCAArtContest.missio.org> no later than January 31, 2021.**

Marriage Preparation Retreats - The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari

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at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2021

"For Your Marriage" is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. On February 7-14, 2021, "For Your Marriage" is sponsoring National Marriage Week! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year the theme is: **To Have, To Hold, To Honor.**

Week of Jan. 31st Readings

Monday 1 February

St Brigid, Abbess

There is a choice of first readings today.

Job 31:16-20, 24-25

The reading is offered because it reflects on generosity towards the needy, a key characteristic of St Brigid. It would be great if we could all say the same about ourselves!

Ephesians 3:14-21

This wonderful prayer is chosen to reflect the single-minded devotion to God and Christ which marked the life of St Brigid.

Luke 6:32-38

The teaching on compassion is very appropriate for the feast because in the Bible this is a feminine image of God. Compassion is needed today as never before.

Tuesday 2 February

The Presentation in the Temple

Malachi 3:1-4

This rather fierce prophecy was offered at a time of religious reconstruction after disaster. There is no mistaking the plain meaning that it is the leadership which is in need of purification.

Hebrews 2:14-18

As we can see from the stories of his birth, Jesus can help us because he is one of us. This closing of the gap with humanity makes him the ideal priest, mediating God's grace to us all.

Luke 2:22-40

There are so few elderly people in the New Testament, that it is delightful to find such wonderful characters as Simon and Anna, still full of faith in old age.

Wednesday 3 February

St Blaise, bishop and martyr

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15

How do we deal with difficult experiences, which can feel as if we are being punished? Today's reading may help. Challenges are interpreted as God's gift of the chance to grow — we know it doesn't always feel like that!!

Mark 6:1-6

This remarkable story is surely historical because it shows the powerlessness of Jesus. It is also a hint to us: sheer familiarity can close our eyes and our hearts to what God is doing today through the Gospel.

Thursday 4 February

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24

What is our point of arrival, the goal of our faith? The writer says first what it *is not* before going on to say what it *is*. This is one of the most delightful passages in Hebrews, holding out to us not only a goal, but great joy in the journey.

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus empowers the twelve to undertake the very same ministry of

Week of Jan. 31st Readings (cont.)

proclaiming and healing. They are to travel light, taking nothing extra that might impede them and also taking the risk of being welcomed or not, as the case may be.

Friday 5 February

St Agatha, virgin and martyr

Hebrews 13:1-8

Practical advice is the message today and always needed! Plenty to think about here in this "staccato" list of things to keep an eye on. The last sentence both affirms and challenges.

Mark 6:14-29

At the hands of Mark, the death of John the Baptist foreshadows the destiny of Jesus. The arbitrariness of John's beheading—to honor an oath spoken in a frivolous moment—is still shocking.

Saturday 6 February

Sts Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21

Very fittingly, our readings from Hebrews come to a close with a great prayer for faithfulness, that we may be in our turn an acceptable offering to God. This is our prayer too, to which we may respond "Amen!"

Mark 6:30-34

It is instructive to see that Jesus himself was aware of need to balance life and work, prayer and ministry. This is true of us all in our different roles. At the same time, Jesus felt compassion for the crowd and, in spite of the need of rest and refreshment, actually responded to their need.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks.

Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a

(NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us,

(ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come to (YDSETRO) us? I know who you are, the (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and (MEOC) out of him!"

And the unclean (TRSIPI), convulsing him and crying with a loud (IOCEV), came out of him.

And (YEHT) were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new teaching!"

With he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."



Answer: man, Jesus, destroy, holy, come, spirit, voice, they, saying, AUTHORITY.