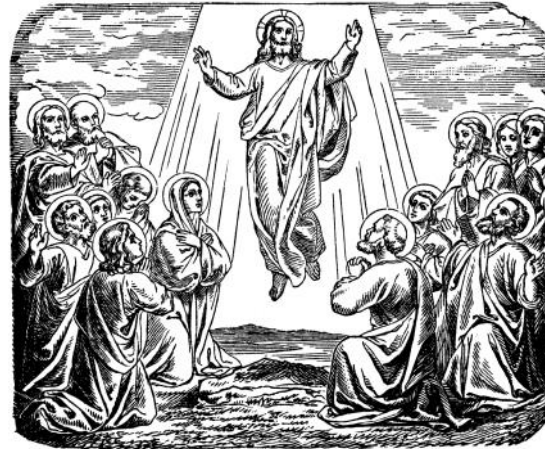


# St. Mary's Parish

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*The Ascension of the Lord*

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**St. Mary's, Coon Valley**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

**Weekday Mass:**

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

**Area Parishes:**

**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua**

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge**

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

**St. Peter, Middle Ridge**

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

**Holy Day Mass:** Please check the bulletin for times.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [fmattmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:fmattmarshall@gmail.com). You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

**Mass Intentions:** Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

**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 Mass intercessions.

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

## The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension can seem a strange thing to celebrate if it is understood primarily as Jesus disappearing from the world or leaving us. But that's not what it's about! The Ascension is truly celebratory, because Jesus makes clear to his disciples in ancient Galilee and to us now, that this new life Jesus lives was not so much a Pass-over as a passing into everything. Now Jesus lives everywhere! Thus, the disciples found him appearing on a family road trip (road to Emmaus), at work (when the disciples were fishing), or even through one's enemies (Saul's becoming Paul). The Ascension is the possibility of finding Jesus appearing or coming right into the midst of our lives, anytime or anyplace.

How do we suppose that Jesus can show up in the Eucharist? It was the Paschal or Passover Mystery, the Easter Mystery. What was true from the first moment that Jesus was raised, is now just made crystal clear in the Ascension. It is a moment for all times and places because it is the moment when humanity finally embraced God. If we struggle to accept this, that's ok. So did the Apostles. That's what the Spirit is for. The Spirit reminds us of everything and will teach us more and more over time. The Spirit we share with Jesus will help us to accept, that even more amazing than Jesus appearing in bread and wine, is Jesus alive in us! Even more so than the Eucharist, we are Body of Jesus alive forever. Lord, help our unbelief!

Might I close with this part T. S. Eliot's poem, *Little Gidding* (the emphasis is mine):

*What we call the beginning is often the end.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.*

~Fr. Matt



### SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 (TRANSFERRED FROM MAY 30)

- 1) Acts 1:1-11
- 2) Ephesians 1:17-23  
or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23
- 3) Luke 24:46-53

**FOCUS:** Jesus has prepared the way, and gives us the Holy Spirit to help us along.

Occurring between the two other major feasts of Easter and Pentecost, the Ascension can be overlooked or lost. Perhaps today is a good day to reflect on what Jesus' return to the Father means to us: that he has fully prepared our way to the Father, and that we are never alone. The Holy Spirit is within us and around us as our Advocate.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Luke recounts the many times that Jesus presented himself alive to his Apostles, his promise of the Holy Spirit to come, and Jesus' being *lifted up, [where] a cloud took him from their sight*. In the second reading, Paul prays that the Ephesians may have wisdom and knowledge of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they are witnesses to the things that had been written and fulfilled. Then he blesses them and is *taken up to heaven*.

### Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you .

	<b>Sat., Jun 8, 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun., Jun 9, 9:15 AM</b>
Servers:	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>
Reader (s):	Robert Kerska	Keith Kenyon
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Humfeld	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Joe Roesler <b>and Volunteer</b>	Mark Boland <b>and Volunteer</b>
Money Counters:	Caroline Tiedeman and Pat Kammel	

### Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: **June 30**; Aug 13, 16, 21, 23, 27, and 28.  
Sept 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, 24, 27, **28 or 29**

Please use the *Mass Intention Envelopes* located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Jun. 1	4:00 PM	Don & Roxanne Weber (living)
Jun. 2	9:15 AM	†Frank LeJeune
<b>Jun. 4</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
Jun. 5	8:00 AM	Pham Families
Jun. 7	8:00 AM	Silha Families
Jun. 8	4:00 PM	†Frank Kerska
Jun. 9	9:15 AM	Special Intention for the Wieczorek Family

## Upcoming Events/Calendar

June 17 to Aug 9	Weekdays	Fr. Matt will be attending Hmong language class— <b>NO weekday Masses</b>
June 22	9:00 AM	PCCW sponsored tour Mary of Angels Chapel and St. Rose Convent, La Crosse.
July 6/7	During Mass	Mission Coop Weekend
July 13/14	During Mass	Welcome Fr. Al Burkhardt who will be swapping Masses with Fr. Matt. Fr. Matt will be celebrating with the Hmong community in Wausau.

### Annual Appeal 2018-19

As of 05/24/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,630.00	\$14,630.00
Target Amount	\$11,405.00	\$11,405.00
<b>Amt Over Target</b>	<b>\$3,225.00</b>	<b>\$3,225.00</b>
Percent Pledged: 128.28%, Percent Received: 128.28%		
Number Contributing	41	

Giving Last Week		Week 21	5/26/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$665.00	<b>Needed Weekly</b>	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$227.00	<b>Received This Week</b>	\$982.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$892.00</b>	<b>Running total Needed</b>	\$29,400.00
Memorial Day/ Cemetery	\$120.00	<b>Running total Received</b>	\$32,924.51
34 of 115 Sunday env.		<b>Difference</b>	3,524.51

## Parish Announcements

### Mary of the Angles Chapel and St. Rose Convent Tour

*FSPA Celebrated 170 years this month!* Have you ever seen the inside of the beautiful Mary of the Angles Chapel and St. Rose Convent in La Crosse? If not, this would be a great time to do so. The PCCW has arranged for a tour to occur on June 22 beginning at 9:00 A.M. If you are interested in being a part of this tour sign up in the back of church or contact Clarice Kammel at [cnesting@mwt.net](mailto:cnesting@mwt.net) or 608-792-2198 so an estimate can be made for the tour guide. Those interested in carpooling should indicate so when they sign up.

### Brewers Game Bus Trip

St. Joseph's Ridge and St. Peter's Middle Ridge parishes have another Brewer/Twins bus trip planned for Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Miller Park. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes your ticket and bus. Location of the seats are in Section 110 of the stadium. It is a day game and all are welcome to join in the fun. Please contact Donna Clements at 608-788-3740 and leave your name, telephone number for contact and how many tickets you will need.

### Spring Luncheon Update

The PCCW annual spring luncheon was held April 28. We net \$375.00 on the luncheon with 64 people in attendance. The Amish quilt raffle brought in \$213.00 and was won by Darci Roesler. Money raised will go towards buying additional new

banquet tables for the basement. A big thank you to all the ladies who helped with this event and provided salads and bars (we had a great selection of each). Special thanks to Sue Humfeld for donating the croissants, glasses, and napkins and to Nancy Peters for donating the punch and 7Up. If you didn't attend this year consider coming next year. It's always held the last Saturday in April, and it's not just for women. Men and children are welcome to attend and enjoy all the wonderful food.

### UPDATING CONTACT INFO

Please let the parish office know if you have an address, phone number, or e-mail change. We are having some issues such as disconnected landlines and no cell phone information on file and email bounce backs. We will not share your private information without your permission. Please call the Rectory at 608-452-3841 or email the Parish Office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) with any updates. Thank you!

### Golf Outing

The Diocese of La Crosse Office for Vocations and La Crosse Area Vocation Society are pleased to invite you to sponsor and/or attend our annual golf outing, an 18 hole, four person scramble. It will be held at picturesque Cedar Creek in Onalaska, Wisconsin. The proceeds from this event will assist the Diocese in the recruitment, education, and formation of our seminarians and aspirants. Space is limited, so reserve your foursome early to ensure your participation. We look forward to seeing you for a day of outstanding golf and fun! **Steve Schulte from our parish is interested in a putting a group together please contact him at 608-397-3668** or visit the event's webpage: <https://diolc.org/golf-outing/>.

### Annual Appeal Update!

We have met our goal with money received! Thank you all for your contributions. Now, everything given to the Annual Appeal will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. There are extra cards and envelopes in the back of church, or give online at [diolc.org/donate-online](http://diolc.org/donate-online) be sure to designate St. Mary Parish (445).

## Diocesan/Local Announcements:

### Age 20-30 and Looking to Connect with Others?

La Crosse Area Young Adults is a group for 20-30 year olds who are interested in growing deeper in their faith. We meet once a week for bible study and for other activities (volleyball, dinner, movies, yard games) throughout the week. If you are interested in joining or just hearing more of what we do you can email us at [laxyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:laxyoungadults@gmail.com) or contact us through our Facebook page (La Crosse Area Young Adults – Catholic).

### Jun 3-Good Grief: Healing While Grieving

A facilitated support group for people experiencing the pain of loss. At Franciscan Healthcare, 700 West Ave. So, Hospital Building, Lang Conference Rm, 1st Floor. Alternating Mondays, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Topic **June 3** is "Anniversaries and Holiday: Creating New Traditions?" For info call 608-785-0940, ext: 22218

***Before You Go*** is a program at English Lutheran Church to expand our understanding of end of life care. Feel free to attend all or just one meeting in the series.

June 3rd – Advance Directives

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#### June 10th – Funeral Planning

The meetings are from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Refreshments and treats will be provided. For planning purposes, please register for any or all of the weeks that are of interest to you. There is no cost to attend. You can call the church or visit their website to register: (608) 784-9335 or <https://www.englishlutheran.org/before-you-go.html>. English Lutheran is at 1509 King St. in La Crosse. If anyone is looking for a ride to the event please contact Fr. Matt. He is going to a bunch of them.

#### Volunteer Opportunity

The Franciscan Hospitality House is in need of volunteers. The hospitality volunteers create a warm and welcoming environment for guests. They will understand that the center is a place of hope and restoration. A variety of positions are open and three shifts are available. Full shift 12:30 - 4:30 pm. Part-time shifts 12:30 - 2:30 pm or 2:30 - 4:30 pm. There is a special need for volunteers for Fridays. If you are interested and would like to help out contact Sue Graf at 608-519-8033.

#### Be a Hero at a Logger Game

The LaCrosse Loggers are looking for **Veterans, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, EMTs, First Responders**, etc. to be the Hero of the Game. Please share with your friends and family.

As the Hero of the Game you will:

- \*Receive up to 10 complimentary tickets to the game
- \*Be introduced on the jumbotron in the outfield with a short bio
- \*You will raise the American Flag prior to the National Anthem

If you are interested please contact Bridget Johnson, Event Operation Center Sup., 328 Front Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601, T (888) 901-6629, ext. #52901, M (608) 797-1073, or [brjohnson@logisticshealth.com](mailto:brjohnson@logisticshealth.com).

#### Jun 14-16~Dare to Follow Retreat

For boys going into 6th-10th grade. No cost, located at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Arrival 4:00 PM on Jun 14 concluding with Mass at 10 AM on Jun 16. For info call the vocations office at 608-791-2667 or email: [vocations@diolc.org](mailto:vocations@diolc.org). See flyer in back of church.

**Adventure Camp 2019:** Adventure Camp 2019, Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI. This is an amazing opportunity for young people to experience their faith in ways they never imagined. For some campers, it is where they really begin to understand that they have a relationship with Christ. Dates: **Week 1: June 23-28, 2019;** **Week 2: August 4-9, 2019.**

#### Jun 28-30~A Retreat With the Mystics

Friday, 7 p.m.-Sunday, noon, Presenter: Marcia Bentley. Investment: Full: \$260, includes overnight stay and all meals, Commuter: \$150, includes lunch on Saturday, **Registration deadline: June 14, [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org) | 608-791-5295.** The Franciscan Spirituality Center, **920 Market St.**, the weekend retreat open to men and women of all faith backgrounds.

**Jun 15~Bus Trips to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson- *That's What I Call Rock and Roll* (featuring Steve Watts) June 15 AND June 22, *Annie* Aug. 3, *Buddy-The Buddy Holly Story* Sept, 14, *A Christmas Story-The Musical* Nov. 9. \$95.00/person; reduced rates for Children-who are welcome, Bus, Lunch, Show**

and Goodies on the bus. Call Arlene Youn

#### Jun 16-21~Franciscan CORE 2019

Do you know rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> graders that have a passion for social justice? Viterbo is currently registering participants for Franciscan CORE 2019. This five-day summer social justice and theology institute offers education, experience, and reflection on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using a Franciscan lens. Space is limited to 30 participants, so register early. The cost for the week is \$375. If cost is inhibitive, sponsorship funds are available. Access online registration here: <https://www4.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core>. For more information, contact Emily Dykman at [eadykman@viterbo.edu](mailto:eadykman@viterbo.edu).

#### Jun 19~Living, Dying and the Power of Presence

Presented by Kevin Dunn, Wed., June 19 at 7 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Onalaska. No cost. Should we be giving doctors the right in law to end the life of others by euthanasia or assisted suicide? Dunn uses testimonies and expert opinions from both sides of the issue.

**Wisdom of Years** ~ July 8, 15, 22, 19. Monday, 10-11:45 a.m. Presenter: Rose Elsbernd, FSPA

Investment: \$40 for entire four-week series Advance registration required: [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org) | 608-791-5295. Do we see aging as a gift? What is the wisdom that we now hold? Beginning with a brief introduction of a theme, you will be drawn into identifying and celebrating your life's journey. Gathering times will provide opportunities for a guided reflection and informal, small-group sharing. Themes include: -How do I want to be remembered? -Aging and spirituality -Regrets/seeking or granting forgiveness -Gratitude. We can gain mutual encouragement and appreciation from each other as we celebrate our wisdom gained through life. *Rose Elsbernd, FSPA, is a trained spiritual director on staff at the FSC*

#### Jul 12-14~Threshold Retreat

For young men entering Jr. or Sr. year in HS or college age. Begins at 4:00 PM on Jul 12 and concluding with Mass on July 14. For info: [diolc.org/priesthood/threshold-retreat](http://diolc.org/priesthood/threshold-retreat) or 608-791-2667. See flyer in back.

**Jul 26-28~ Looking for more Catholic community and spiritual enrichment?** Join like-minded single Catholics, from all over the country, at an upcoming retreat near Chicago, IL, July 26th - 28th 2019. Fr. Thomas Loya and Jim Martini will be presenting on the theme of **"Remaining Relational in an Unrelational World."** The weekend will also include music, time for reflection, Mass, fellowship and more. Space is limited so register now! For more details and to register visit [www.JPIIevents.com](http://www.JPIIevents.com) (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

**Aug. 9-10~Annual Conference: Witnesses for Christ** Receive practical training for spiritually accompanying children, young people and adults on their path to Jesus. We are handing on the teachings of the Church, but is it being translated into an opportunity to make a decision for Christ? Father Lou Molinelli, SDB, will present on the "Preventative System" of St. John Bosco, who spiritually accompanied up to 600 boys at a time and produced saints such as St. Dominic Savio. Conference is at Blessed Sacrament Parish, La Crosse. For more information visit: <https://diolc.org/catechesis/witnesses-for-christ-conference-2019/>

#### Televised Masses for

#### Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19 La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM  
EWTN (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily: 7 AM & 6 PM

#### Catholic Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic Cable Television  
Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143  
MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley  
Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite

#### Youth Religion Education Program:

Classes meet after the Sunday Mass from September to May.

#### Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at [<nfp@diolc.org>](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

#### Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities offers many services in our diocese. Programs offered include: emergency services, adoption services, mental health counseling, financial counseling, HIV/AIDS ministries, immigration services, in-home support for children with disabilities, and domestic abuse services. For more information please call 1-888-212-HELP or visit [<www.cclse.org>](http://www.cclse.org).