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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

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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.

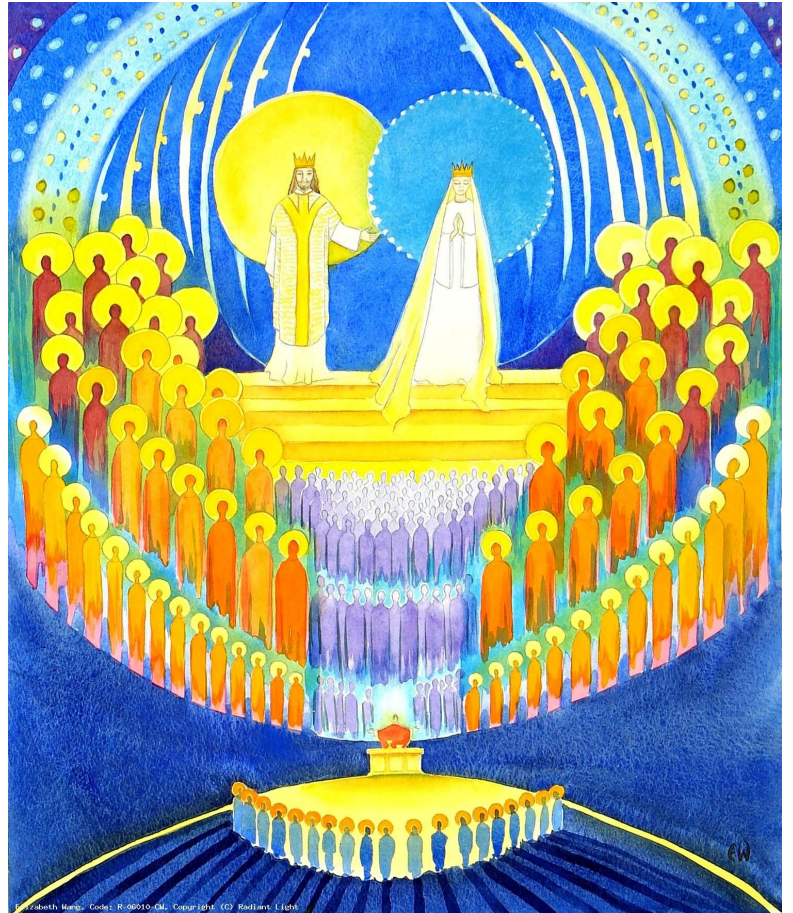
# St. Mary's Parish

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"At Mass we are united with the whole company of Heaven"  
by Elizabeth Wang

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Matthew Marshall*

*Pastor*

*October 31, 2021*

*Readings: 669B*

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

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

- 1) Deuteronomy 6:2-6
- 2) Hebrews 7:23-28
- 3) Mark 12:28b-34

**FOCUS:** The road to the Kingdom is paved with love for God and for our neighbor.

The greatest commandments are these; to love God first with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus tells us there are none greater than these, and understanding and living these commands brings us ever closer to the kingdom of God.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses speaks to the people, telling them to observe the commands of God and to love him with all their heart, soul, and strength. In the second reading, Jesus is acknowledged as the perfect sacrifice who has redeemed us. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the two greatest commandments are to love God completely and *to love your neighbor as yourself*.

### Next Week in Service — Nov 6/7

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

Reader:	<b>Saturday</b> — Robert Kerska <b>Sunday</b> -Volunteer
Money Counters:	Lori Nickelotti and Curt Horman

### Intentions

Oct 30 ~ 4:00 PM -†Edward and Anna Kerska
Oct 31 ~ 8:00 AM -†Lucas Seelow
<b>Nov 02 ~ 6:30 PM - No Mass</b>
<b>Nov 04 ~ 8:00 AM - No Mass</b>
Nov 06 ~ 8:00 AM - Poor Souls
Nov 07 ~ 8:00 AM - †Olaf Haugen

### 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 and 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

- **November 1-5** ~ Fr. Matt PTO—surgery to replace internal defibrillator. **NO weekday Mass.**
- **November 2** ~ All Souls Day Prayer Service at Viroqua, 5:15 PM
- **November 7** ~ Daylight Savings Time ends...Fall back one hour!
- **December 4** ~ St. Mary's *Annual Craft Show*, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the CV Village Hall

### 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 10/29/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$175.00	\$175.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,020.00</u>	<u>\$14,020.00</u>
Over Target	(\$13,845.00)	(\$13,845.00)
Percent Pledged: 1.25%, Percent Received: 1.25%		
Number Contributing:	2	

### 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 43	10/24/2021
Adult Env.(19)	\$635.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$83.00	Received This Week	\$783.00
Pancake Bfst	<u>\$65.00</u>	YTD Needed	\$83,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$783.00</u></b>	YTD Received	\$78,858.51
Mission Sunday	<u>\$110.00</u>	Difference	(4,541.49)

Giving Last Week		Week 42	10/17/2021
Adult Env.(23)	\$1,560.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$149.00	Received This Week	\$2,344.00
Pancake Bfst	<u>\$635.00</u>	YTD Needed	\$81,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2,344.00</u></b>	YTD Received	\$78,075.51
		Difference	(3,324.49)

## From Fr. Matt

Sunday evening is All Hallow's Eve...Halloween. It's the Vigil (in the Christian world) of All Saints' Day. You know... for all those Hallowed Folk. It's one of my favorite holy days. It's one of my favorite holidays too. I use those words differently on purpose. Because although Halloween is a holy day in the church (and depth a-plenty it has) there is something special and extra, something more I think, that our secular culture has really got right about the day. Some things it adds. I know that for some Christians there is an uncomfortable duplicity felt about Halloween. All those costumed monsters and spirits. The absurd amounts of candy. The risqué parties. Fair enough. Maybe one side of the coin. But as that unusual evening perhaps suggests, what lay beneath the surface? What of the coin's other side? For me, Halloween has always felt very special, spiritual even. A reminder that there is more than meets the eye in everything and everyone. The suggestion that right in the midst of our world is another, both fantastic and fearful. On Halloween everybody admits, at least for a time, that the spiritual is real. Perhaps Halloween even puts flesh on the bones of our Holy Day worship. The invisible seen, the intangible felt. It's almost sacramental That other world, the holy, the spiritual. So, close you can touch it. Or it can touch you...

### "Everyone is Dying" by Rumi

Everyone in the world,  
whether man or woman, is dying  
and continually passing through  
the agony of death.  
Regard their words as the final injunctions  
which a father gives his son.  
In this way consideration and compassion  
may grow in your heart,  
and the root of hatred and jealousy  
may be cut away.  
Look upon your kinsman  
with that intention,  
that your heart may burn with pity  
for his death agony.  
Everything that is coming will come:  
consider it to have already arrived;  
consider your friend to be already  
in the throes of death, losing his life.  
If selfish motives prevent you from this insight,  
cast them from your heart;  
and if you cannot cast them out, don't stand  
inertly in incapacity:  
know that with everyone who feels incapable,  
there is a goodly Incapacitator.  
Incapacity is a chain laid upon you:  
you must open your eye to behold the One  
who lays the chain.

(The Mathnawi, 761 - 768)

## Parish Announcements

### Book of Remembrance

During the month of November we honor the faithfully departed. The Book of Remembrance is a place for parishioners write the names of departed loved ones. Feel free to inscribe those whom you have lost this past year in the book located in the back of church.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022

Annual Appeal letter will be arriving this month in your mail boxes. Please consider giving generously to the Appeal. As in the past all funds over the target amount will be returned to the parish and will not be included in future Appeal calculations, quota calculations or other appeals by the Diocese. Our target this year is \$14,020.00

### World Mission Sunday

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org)

### St. Mary's Craft Show—Dec. 4

Guild chairpersons will be contacting members to schedule a time they can help out with the craft fair. The assignments are as follows:

- St. Cecelia-set-up on Thursday & Friday nights
- St. Catherine-kitchen
- St. Theresa-bake sale & craft table with quilt raffle
- St. Rose-Clean-up

### BBQ Needed

We are looking for members to donate BBQ and bars for the craft fair lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church if you are interested. We are looking for 4 people to donate 2lbs of BBQ each and 4 people to donate 2 pans of bars each. If you donate either of these items you don't need to donate items for the bake sale.

### Bake Sale

Each family is asked to donate \$15 of baked goods for our bake sale or \$15 cash. Customers are usually looking for Christmas cookies or specialty items at this bake sale. It's always helpful if items are marked when dropped off with the asking price.

### Quilt Raffle

Ladies are reminded to pick up their quilt tickets in the back of church to sell. **Tickets need to be turned in by noon on December 4th.** The quilt will be raffled off at the craft fair.

**St. Mary's will have its own craft table** at the craft fair this year for any parishioners who enjoy doing crafts and would like to donate items to be sold at the craft fair with proceeds benefiting the parish. Prices should be marked on the items in advance and they will be collected about a week before the event.



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## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

### November News from Catholic Charities

WE NEED YOUR HELP! So much is going on at Catholic Charities. Warming Centers Opening November 1st  
November - National Adoption Month  
Welcoming Afghans at Fort McCoy  
Visit our website - [cclse.org](http://cclse.org), to learn about how they can support and/or join the efforts!

### 5000 WINTER COATS NEEDED

Our Afghan friends need boys, girls, women and men's winter coats (Men's small and medium jackets requested). They will also be needing children's snow pants, boots, mittens, hats, and scarves. We are hoping to collect 5,000 **new** coats before November 15th. Visit our website at <https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance>, select the gift registry and place an order. They will be mailed directly to the National Guard Armory for delivery to Fort McCoy. Thank you for any assistance you are giving to our new Afghan neighbors!

### AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

#### Aquinas High School Presents: "The Sound of Music"

November 12 at 7:30 pm, November 13 at 2:00pm and November 14 at 2:00pm. Located at the Aquinas Campbell Theater. Tickets: \$10 general seating and can be purchased at the Aquinas High School office or at the door 30 minutes prior to performance. Masks will be required of the audience members. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Gold Gala

Saturday, November 13, 2021 Doors Open at 5 PM at Aquinas High School OR Join us virtually. Attend in-person or virtually and participate in our silent and live auction on some very exciting items. RSVP at [aquinascatholicschools.org/gold-gala](http://aquinascatholicschools.org/gold-gala) and click on the Greater Giving logo. Facebook@GoldGala2021

#### Green and Gold Giveaway Raffle

Enter the Green & Gold Giveaway Raffle for your chance to win private jet transportation and 8 lower endzone seats at the Packers vs Bears game at Lambeau Field! The private jet transportation is courtesy of Ron & Elisa Houser. You and your group will be taken to and from Lambeau Field on Sun, Dec 12, 2021. This giveaway is in conjunction with the 2021 Gold Gala and the drawing will take place at the Gala on Saturday, Nov 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. To purchase tickets, contact Brad Reinhart at 608-784-0707 or [brad.reinhart@aquinasschool.org](mailto:brad.reinhart@aquinasschool.org) or any Aquinas Foundation Board Member. Tickets are \$100 per raffle ticket (only 250 available). Need not be present to win.

## This Weeks Readings

Weekday readings...take note, no notes for All Saints' or All Souls':

### Wednesday 3 November ~ Romans 13:8-10

Following Jesus' own example, Paul goes to the heart of the Gospel in a few simple phrases that anyone can understand. The difficulty lies not in understanding but in living it out, as usual.

*Luke 14:25-33*

The first paragraph will shock and the second paragraph will sound familiar. "Hate" is the strong way of saying "prefer to." Jesus really did set faith relationships above "natural" ones. As for planning and failing to build...all too familiar! The message is sharp: take into account the cost of discipleship.

**Thursday 4 November** ~ *Romans 14:7-12 (St Charles Borromeo)*

## This Weeks Readings

Paul returns to the presenting issues which triggered the letter to the Romans—the lack of mutual regard between Christians of Gentile and Jewish origin.

*Luke 15:1-10*

Again, Luke uses shock tactics. Shepherds had the reputation of being permanently ritually impure, just like women. These outsiders are used to express the mission of Jesus precisely to the marginalized. Did you ever wonder about the ninety-nine who, apparently, had no need of repentance?

**Friday 5 November** ~ *Romans 15:14-21 (St Martin de Porres)*

Our reading today is part of the conclusion to the major arguments of Romans. We get a window into Paul's understanding of himself, as well as some of the features of the mission, such as always going to new places where the Gospel had not yet been proclaimed.

*Luke 16:1-8*

As a sign of hope for us all (!), Luke consistently illustrates the Gospel using unlikely, even disreputable characters. At least the wretch thinks ahead — and so should we all.

**Saturday 6 November** ~ *Sirach 44:1-15*

This is a generous and delightful passage, inviting us to remember again all who have gone before us — not just the "canonized" of course!

*Luke 6:17-23*

In a typical "wisdom" fashion, Jesus puts before us the "two ways", one leading to death and misery, the other to life and joy. We read only the beatitudes. Of course it is never forbidden to extend the reading.

## KIDS CORNER

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*In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. What does Jesus say?*

*Use every second letter to fill in the blanks to find out!*

Answer: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.