

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh, Assoc. Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

October 25, 2026 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 665A

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am*
**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses
Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession
Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions
Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



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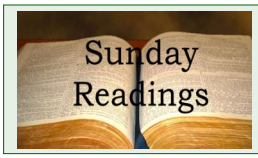
Parish Finance Council
Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council
Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)
Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

Musicians
Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

Fr. Joe also serving:
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua
Mass Times:
Weekend: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 12:10 pm



October 25, 2026
1) Exodus 22:20-26
2) I Thessalonians 1:5c-10
3) Matthew 22:34-40

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 24 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 25 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Laura Adams
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld
Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, October 27 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
Weekday
- Adoration 4:30 PM
- 5:15 PM Mass - For our Priests

THURSDAY, October 29 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
Weekday
- 8:00 AM Mass - John Francis

SATURDAY, October 31 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
All Saints Day
- 4:00 PM Mass - † The Roskos and Roningen families
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, November 01 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
All Saints Day
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Leona Welsh
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Oct 25** ~ *In Viroqua,* 9:00-10:15am: *Altaration* (Middle School Formation) - Pie Room
~ *In Viroqua,* 11:45am-1:00pm: *First Reconciliation Prep* - Sitting Room
- **Oct 27** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Nov 1** ~ 2 AM Day Light Savings Time Ends, turn clocks back 1 hour.
~ All Saints Day
~ *Family Faith Formation* after Mass until 10:15 AM in the church basement
~ In Viroqua 9-10:15 AM *Altaration* (MS) - Pie Room
~ In Viroqua 9-10:15 AM *Decision Point* (9th Gd)
~ In Viroqua 11:45 AM-1 PM *First Reconciliation Prep*
- **Nov 2** ~ All Souls' Day, Mass in Viroqua at 12:10 PM
~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM in the parish hall
- **Nov 3** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group 9:30 AM-11 PM
~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30-8PM
- **Nov 9** ~ Grief Share, Surviving the Holidays 5-7 PM in Viroqua.
- **Nov 10** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Nov 13** ~ Mass for Infant Loss 6 PM in Viroqua

Mass Intentions



Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Nov 7 and 21 or 22 & 29. Dec 5 or 6, and 13.
Open Weekdays: Oct 27. Nov 3 and 24. Dec 1, 8, 22, and 24.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is $20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : $105,000.00
As of October 22, 2026
Pledges received (30): $109,520.00
Payments received: $84,164.00
THANK YOU!
A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.



Needed this Month	
$8,000.00	at $2000 per week
$6,546.50	Received as of week 3
($1,453.50)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2026-2027		
As of 10/22/26	**Total Pledged**	**Total Payments**
Pledged/Paid	0.00	0.00
Target Amount	$14,860.00	$14,860.00
Under Target	$14, 860.00	**$14,860.00**
Number Contributing: 0		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2026(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week			10/18/26
Adult Env	$2280.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	413.50	Received This Week	$2,953.50
Pancake Bkft	260.00	Total needed	$84,000.00
Total	**$2,953.50**	YTD Received	$81,604.43
		Difference	(2,395.57)
Mission Sunday	$190.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

This past Monday & Tuesday the priests and deacons of the Diocese gathered up in La Crosse for our annual Fall Ministry Days. This is one of two customary official gatherings – alongside the summer's more fraternal Priest Unity Days, Fall Ministry Days tends more toward the business side of things. On Monday a number of ministries and services sent their representatives to share what they offer – anything from marriage enrichment to devotional opportunities to Viroqua's own Kyle Prorok sharing a highly-relevant-to-confessors word on his specialized therapeutic practice. Frs. Reither (Genoa) and Bowe (Cashton) and I are tinkering with an idea from these presentations – far too young to detail yet, but perhaps a good opportunity for us all to invite the Holy Spirit to lead in simplicity and providence. On Tuesday the Bishop (our Apostle), Fr. Weller (Vocations), Fr. Guanella (the chancery/admin team), and Fr. Martin (my boss/the Vicar for Clergy) stepped in to share their own business, exhortations, and encouragements, all turning around that same theme of movement from maintenance to mission as a Diocese, individual parishes, and individual disciples.

Bishop Battersby has a knack for speaking a simultaneously challenging and encouraging word. He lays out the need, notices what lacks, and pictures the way ahead, all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In the middle of his presentation this week he shared an important word about Jesus' fourfold presence in the liturgy: in the **Word**, in the **Body and Blood**, in the **Priest**, and in the **People**. All the way back to John's Gospel, we've known Jesus to be the Word of God, present in the words of the Old and New Testaments as the Word spoken into and through creation to animate and give life, as well as in God's revealing Himself to us. His scriptural **Word** is present in the Mass through the Liturgy of the Word – the readings read in the first half. Jesus is physically and spiritually present in the **Body and Blood** (promised in John 6 and manifest in Matthew, Mark, and Luke's Last Supper accounts) in the Liturgy of the Eucharist celebrated in the second half of the Mass. He is present in the **Priest** acting *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ), ordained for the specific ministry of preaching the Word and confecting the Eucharist. Finally, and as Bishop Battersby heavily leaned into, Jesus is present in the **People** gathered together – very specifically and very technically and very intentionally known as the Body of Christ.

In you and in me and in His Word and in His Body & Blood, brothers and sisters, this is where we find Christ here on Earth – the Holy Spirit has never asked any one of these to compete with the others, and there is such a powerful grace in recognizing Jesus' presence in the life of His Church and in the brothers and sisters He gives us. As we dive deeper and deeper into St. Paul's own gratitude-filled First Thessalonians over these coming weeks, I encourage you to join me in building up the Body of Christ through the intentional work and choice to notice, love, and live with a receptive spirit of gratitude.

God bless you all, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

PCCW Quilt Raffle Tickets – Ready for Pickup!
Ladies of the parish, our annual PCCW Quilt Raffle tickets are now available for pickup in the back of church! Tickets are organized by **guild and last name** for your convenience. All ladies are encouraged to pick up their tickets and help make this fundraiser a success. The winning ticket will be drawn at our **Annual Craft Show on Saturday, December 5th.** Thank you for your continued support of the PCCW!

2026–2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal, "Many Gifts, One Mission." Our parish goal this year is $14,860.00. Through our generosity, we join Catholics throughout the Diocese of La Crosse in supporting vital ministries, including Catholic Charities, faith formation, campus ministry, and evangelization. **Parishioners will/have receive/ed their pledge and contribution** cards in the mail. We ask every parish family to prayerfully consider making a gift, giving as generously as their circumstances allow. Every contribution, large or small, brings us closer to our goal and strengthens the mission of the Church. Together, we can make a difference!

GriefShare *Surviving the Holidays*

Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the holiday season. What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, (no matter how long they have been gone)!
Surviving the Holidays topics include:

- How to prepare for hard hitting emotions
- What to do about holiday traditions
- Handling holiday social events
- Uncomfortable and awkward interactions

Please join us for this special 2-hour event which provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate grief throughout the holiday season.

Date: Monday, November 9th, 2026
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Place: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
400 Congress Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling **608-637-7711**, or by email to: office@abvmviroqua.diolcparish.org or by going to ***griefshare.org/holidays.*** Please feel free to invite others! Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Parish Announcements *continued*

World Mission Sunday was Oct 17/18
We will accept the Mission envelopes from you pack or from the back of the church through next weekend. We invite you to view the video on YouTube by Pope Leo: Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 100th World Mission Sunday

Annual Report to the Bishop Now Available
Copies of the 2025-2026 Annual Report are available in the back of the church. The complete report is also posted for viewing inside the case at the back of the church.

Diocesan/Local Announcement

Granny Basketball Exhibition Game - Oct 26
Don't Miss the Fun - the Granny Basketball Exhibition Game is back, and it's sure to be a rocking good time! (Literally… there's a penalty rocking chair.) Doors open at 6:00pm at Aquinas High School on Monday, October 26th. The Granny team is lacing up their orthopedic sneakers to take on the brave (and slightly confused) Diocesan Padres — who'll be playing under strict 1923 rules: no running, no jumping, and… yes, they're wearing oven mitts. Come watch your favorite priests (including our neighboring priest, Father Reither, from down in Genoa!) try to keep it holy on the court while trying very hard not to travel, jump, or foul out (and if they do, it's straight to the time-out rocking chair!). Entry is a free-will donation, and all donations at the door support the children of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru. Last year, we raised $4,000… let's beat that with grace, grit, and granny hook shots!

All Souls' Day Stations of the Cross
Monday, November 2, **All Souls' Day Stations of the Cross** for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held at noon in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse. Come and pray the Stations for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Basket Raffle and Bake Sale - Nov 7
Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church is hosting a Basket Raffle and Bake Sale at the Chaseburg Village Hall starting at 9 AM to 1:30 PM. 14 Baskets in the raffle (drawing at 1 PM), bake sale boast Norwegian baking and specialty breads. Lunch is chili and grilled cheese sandwiches for a free will offering. All are welcome!

Mass for Infant Loss
On Friday, November 13, there will be a memorial Mass for children lost from conception through infancy at 6:00pm in Viroqua. The Mass will be followed by an hour of Adoration with prayer teams and confessions available, with a soup dinner to conclude the evening down in Marian Hall. This will be a time set apart to remember and pray for the little lives lost to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or any other cause of early child loss. It also will provide a space to properly grieve the loss of these little lives. All are warmly welcome, whether you have personally lost a child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or friend, or you simply would like to support and pray for those who have experienced this kind of loss. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Father Joe, or Carly Zadow at 608-792-4872.

Trivia Night - Nov 14
Sacred Heart is hosting the 4th Annual Community Trivia Night on Saturday, November 14th at the Cashton Community Hall! Doors open at 5:30pm, and Trivia begins at 6:30pm. The

Parish Announcements *continued*

cost to play is $250/team, with teams up to 10 members. To register your team, visit smash3p.org/trivia, call the Sacred Heart School office at (608) 654-7733, or visit the School office (710 Kenyon St., Cashton, WI). Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School. Food is provided, and drinks are available throughout the evening. Bring your thinking caps!

Annual Fall Bazaar - Nov 14
Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church is hosting their Annual Fall Bazaar from 11 AM—Noon on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Come for lunch and pick up something from the bake sale or purchase some craft items, and don't forget to get your raffle tickets. You could win a quilt, $50 Kwik Trip gift card, hand made end table, hand turned wooden bow, homemade dolly or lefse. Hope to see you there!

This Week on *FORMED*

Week of October 25, 2026



What Catholics Believe About Halloween
Dr. Ben Akers explores the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully.



Eternal Rest
Explore the mystery of death, dying, and eternal life. This Augustine Institute series answers key questions about what happens after we die and how to prepare for the life to come.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints
Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude and his life and mission.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit **signup.formed.org** and select our parish name.

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Please use the registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments. Then mail or email it to stmaryscv@mwt.net and jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date.

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 Parish

Annual Report

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Statement of General Statistics

~Catholic population of the parish – 295.

~The percentage of people in the boundaries of the parish that are Catholic – 10%.

~Catholic households in the parish – 117.

~The number of envelope holders who give $100 or more per year – 67.

(this number is used for Diocesan calculations)

Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, Mass Intentions, PCCW and Men's Club checking on July 1, 2025:	**$53,590.54**
Receipts	
Adult Envelopes	$83,249.00
Offertory Collections	16,119.75
Votive Candles, Catholic Life Mag, Grants, and Misc.	5,053.00
Net Profit of from Fundraisers	8,846.52
PCCW and Men's Club	3,940.50
Memorials	690.00
Total Interest Earned (checking and savings)	2,783.36
Religious Education Tuition	355.00
Annual Appeal Rebate	3,305.00
Misc. Other Income	13,852.95
Works of Charity	1,311.00
Accounts Payable (employee taxes)	1,807.93
Collections for Mass Intentions	3,250.00
Total of all Receipts:	**$144,564.01**
Disbursements	
Salaries – Parish Priest	$20,111.80
Salaries – Other Clergy	320.00
Salaries – All Other	29,619.70
Professional Fees and Services	1,777.42
Payroll Taxes	2,450.25
Group Insurance and Retirement	9,619.59
Office Supplies	2,090.80
All Utilities	7,902.31
Auto and Travel Allowances	227.21
Liturgical and Church Goods	1,377.71
Instructional Supplies, Texts, Media	2,662.40
Maintenance Supplies	1,130.97
Property and Liability Insurance	2,864.39
Miscellaneous, Contact Services and Rentals Paid	13,511.23
Diocesan Assessment/Quota	4,589.00
Catholic Schools Subsidy (Sacred Heart)	2,300.00
PCCW/Men's Club Expenditures	3,910.91
Funds deposited to Savings Account (transfer and interest)	8,179.62
Distribution from Funds for Works of Charity Acct	800.00
Other Assets	39.19
Capital Improvements Expense	12,032.00
Prior Years Accounts Payable	1,551.71
Total of All Disbursements:	**$129,068.21**
Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, Mass Intentions, PCCW and Men's Club checking on June 30, 2026:	**$69,086.34**

Beginning Balance (all funds)	$53,590.54
Receipts	144,564.01
Disbursements	129,068.21
Ending Balance (all funds)	$69,086.34

Diocesan Collection Appeals and flow through

(These are funds are not shown in receipts or disbursements)

World Mission Sunday	$285.00
Mission Co-Op	720.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	785.00
Rice Bowl	56.45
Lenten Mite Boxes	3.95
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	35.00
Holy Land/Good Friday Collection	650.50
Low Sunday DCCW Collection	338.00
Other Misc. (Lenten Mission, Food Pantry, etc.)	1,819.55
Total	**$4,693.45**

Contracted Services Paid

(These expenses are distributed among Media, Maintenance, Contracted Services, and Capital Improvements - although they are not all inclusive of these categories)

Church A/C - thermostat-repairs (Bagniefski)	$7,853.56
Digital Sign (BL Signs)	24,032.00
Electric for Digital Sign (Olson Electric)	947.25
Upgrade Fire Extinguishers and inspection (Summit Co)	466.95
Snow Removal (AJ's Lawn Care/Snow Removal)	2,120.00
Down Payment on Pew Covers (Waggoners, Inc)	2,450.00
FORMED Subscription	1,800.00
Total	**$39,669.76**

Parish Savings Accounts

at the Diocese on June 30, 2026: **$67,889.86**

(General savings, Inspired Savings, Capital Savings)

Spiritual Statistics – July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

3 Baptisms
4 Confirmations
3 Received Their First Holy Communion
1 Baptized Christian received into full communion (RCIA)
Adoration Tues. evenings from 4:30-5:15 PM
Sunday Mass is at 8:00 AM and Saturday Mass of Anticipation is at 4:00 PM
0 Marriage where both parties are Catholic
0 Marriage of mixed religion
0 Parishioners in seminary studies
0 Parishioner preparing to be received into an institute of consecrated life – Religious Life
0 Parishioners participating in lay ministry programs
Times for hearing confessions: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment.
About 20 parishioners received the Anointing of the Sick
3 Deaths in the parish
2 full burials, 2 cremation burials in the parish cemetery
2 Students from parish attend Catholic school system (K-8)
20 attend K-8 Public School
1 Enrolled other/homeschooled
0 attend Catholic high School (9-12)
8 attend public high school (9-12)
14 Public grade school students (K-8) attended Rel. Ed. Classes
4 Public high school students (9-12) attended Rel. Ed. Classes

Employment Statistics

1 Priest on payroll
4 employees working 26 weeks or more per year (0-19 hours/wk.)
1 seasonal cemetery employee

St. Mary Parish

Cemetery Report

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Total cash balance of Cemetery checking and Perpetual Care fund as of July 1, 2025	**$34,121.23**
Receipts	
Lot Sales	$0.00
Grave Opening/Closings	0.00
Investment Income	1,662.51
Other (contributions, insurance, realized gains/losses)	2,070.67
Total Receipts	**$3,733.18**
Expenses	
Salary/Wages	$538.75
FICA	41.22
Supplies	400.00
Other (fees, insurance, realized gains/losses)	745.98
Total Disbursements	**$1,725.95**
Total cash balance of Cemetery checking and Perpetual Care fund as of June 30, 2026	**$36,128.46**

Beginning Balance (checking and perpetual care fund)	$34,121.23
Receipts	3,733.18
Disbursements	1,725.95
Ending Balance (checking and perpetual care fund)	$36,128.46