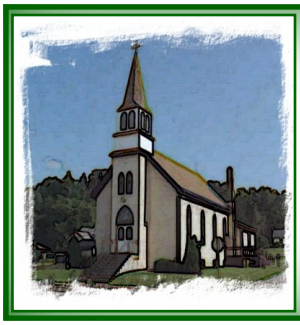

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

October 05, 2025 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 658C

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

Rectory: 400 Congress Ave.
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Cell Phone: 608-606-9787
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Thursdays after Mass until noon or by appointment

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Website
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Social Media
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Bulletins
Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours
Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekday Masses
Tuesday | 5:15pm
Thursday | 8:00am

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

Devotions
Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm

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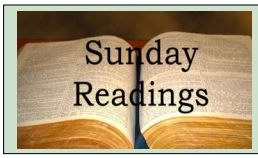
Parish Finance Council
Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council
Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti 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 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am
Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



October 05, 2025
1) Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2) 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
3) Luke 17: 5-10

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 4
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00pm Mass - † Willard and Mina Kubal
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 5
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - † Stanley and Francis Kerska

THURSDAY, October 9
St. Denis and Companions and St. John Leonardi
- 8:00am Mass -

SATURDAY, October 11
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00pm Mass - † Eric "Rick" Logemann
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, October 12
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:00am Mass - Hernandez Torres Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Oct 5** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua 9-10:15 AM
  ~Conformation Parent Meeting in Viroqua 10-10:15AM
  ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Oct 8** ~ 1st Reconciliation Prep in Viroqua 6:00 PM
- **Oct 11/12** ~ Mission Coop Weekend, welcome Monsignor Joe Hirsch in support to Casa Hogar, Peru
- **Oct 12** ~ Our ***Annual Pancake Breakfast*** 7:30 AM until food is gone or noon (whichever comes first)
- **Oct 15** ~ Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua, Annual Fall Dinner 4-7 PM
- **Oct 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 18/19** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **Oct 19** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass
  ~ Parish Social hosted by St. Cecelia Guild
- **Oct 25/26** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal Weekend
- **Nov 1** ~ All Saints Day
- **Nov 2** ~ All Souls' Day
  ~Daylight Savings Time ends, clocks back 1 hr at 2 AM
  ~Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Nov 3** ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 12 & 19. Nov 16 & 30. Dec 7, 13, 14, 27, & 28.
Open Weekdays: Oct 14, 21, 23 & 28. Nov 25. Dec. 2, 11 & 23.

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.

Giving Last Week			9/21/2025
Adult Env (36)	$1,430.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	213.26	Received This Week	$1,978.26
Pancake Bkft(14)	335.00	Running total needed	$76,000.00
Total	**$1,978.26**	YTD Received	$72,469.82
		Difference	(3,530.18)

Giving Last Week			9/28/2025
Adult Env (32)	$1,615.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	226.25	Received This Week	$2,263.25
Pancake Bkft(11)	365.00	Running total needed	$78,000.00
Votives	57.00	YTD Received	$74,733.07
Total	**$2,263.25**	Difference	(3,266.93)
Food Pantry	$44.00		

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : $105,000.00
As of September 5, 2025
Pledges received (30): $109,520.00
Payments received: $63,866.50
THANK YOU!

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.

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

First, some business. We're talking about money over the next few weeks, with the annual mission appeal next weekend, the broader World Missions Sunday the weekend after that, and at the end of the month the Diocesan Annual Appeal. This is an anomaly – typically the mission appeal weekend falls much earlier in the year, but this year we have a highly-sought-after priest coming in, our Diocese's own Monsignor Joe Hirsch. Bad timing aside, I am excited to have Msgr. Hirsch here – he was the vocation director when I started seminary and was formative in my high school years. More recently he has been the chief of our diocesan mission Casa Hogar in Peru. He's joyful, experienced, charismatic, and I look forward to his visit. Meanwhile, I'll be down in Missouri for a baptism – this won't affect our Mass schedules at all but I will be unavailable Friday noon through Tuesday noon.

And now for a reflective word. If you've spent time in Viroqua's church over the last few months you've seen renovation pieces falling into place one at a time, like restoring the original crucifix, turning the altar around, more recently some woodwork, and a few weeks ago the installation of two pictures (Mary Mother of Jesus and John the Apostle on one side, Mary Magdalene and Longinus on the other) by artist Elizabeth Zelasko out in Colorado. One of Elizabeth's other works (this one of St. Peter) was recently gifted to Pope Leo, and she shared a beautiful reflection with her subscribers. Allow me to pilfer her beautiful words:

> "'Wait until you see this…' A text came from a friend with a photo attached. Nowadays you can never tell if the photos and 'news' attached to any text thread is bearing joy or sorrow. They seem to come in equal measures lately. This one- pure unadulterated joy… The Pope, yes THE POPE," had received one of my works of art as a gift from Legatus who commissioned the original piece. THE POPE, was looking at something I had done…
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> "My heart burst into a million pieces… Is this the pinnacle? Do I get to retire now? No, I don't. (nor would I want to!) But what could be better for a Catholic artist than this moment—except perhaps the Lord himself coming down and saying, 'I really like that painting, Liz. Well done.'? The reality is that there is no absolute pinnacle in this life. There are just a series of hills and valleys until we reach our true and only pinnacle, Christ himself. But, I think I will sit peacefully on this hill for just a little while. Maybe even leave a memorial stone. Maybe even have a chat with that younger version of myself who thought she wouldn't accomplish much in this life. Who thought no one would appreciate her work. Who has hoped they would, but couldn't imagine the possibility… I am going to break the good news to her and sit with her for a little while, and celebrate. Thanks for celebrating with me."

I find tremendous grace in that image of hills and valleys, of pausing to take in the movement and flow of grace, of journeying on. And finally I echo those words to you, thank you for celebrating with me, for praying this Mass, for walking with me to the Lord.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY
October 12, 2025

Spread the Word
A flyer is in today's bulletin and extras are in the back of the church. Please help spread awareness of our event by posting them (with permission) in the community (such as the grocery store, bank, phone company, etc.) or your own business, and please invite everyone you know.

PCCW Baked Goods
The ladies of the parish are all asked to donate $15 worth of baked goods/garden produce to be sold at the pancake breakfast. If you are unable to bring baked goods/garden produce a $15 cash donation is acceptable.

PCCW Guild Assignments
Set-up St. Theresa, kitchen/dining room - St. Catherine, Bake Sale—St. Cecelia & Clean-up-St. Rose. Guild chairpersons will be calling members asking for help in their designated area. Please offer a few hours of your time to help make this a successful event for our parish.

Men's Club Sign up to Work
Get the shift and job you want by signing up early, a sign up sheet is posted in the back of the church.

Breakfast Envelopes—Donate
As in past years, we are requesting at least a $20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Envelopes for this purpose are in the back of the church by registered families or anonymous. As of last weekend we have had 35 our to 112 families donate. If you haven't picked up your envelope, please do so this weekend. All remaining envelopes will be mailed out on Monday.

Parish Announcements continued

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Mission – Oct. 11-12, 2025

"Then I will not have lived in vain, and I'll not care how long I'll live, if I can give and give and give."— Fr. Joseph Walijewski

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch is looks forward to visiting your parish family and sharing the inspiring story of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II - a home for children in Peru with a mission to provide high-quality care in a loving, family-style environment.

Today, Casa Hogar is home to 64 children and 8 families, with children ranging in age from 5 to 18. This vibrant community exists thanks to the vision and sacrifices of Fr. Joseph Walijewski, a missionary priest from our own Diocese of La Crosse, who believed every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing home grounded in faith.

As Executive Director of Casa Hogar, Msgr. Hirsch brings a unique, firsthand perspective. Through his stories, he will offer insight into how the children's lives are transformed—from difficult beginnings to a place where they can heal, grow, and gain the confidence and skills needed for a more promising future.

This life-changing mission continues thanks to the generosity and support of countless individuals and organizations in the Diocese of La Crosse and throughout the U.S.

Learn more about the Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II at www.frjoesguild.org.

Grief Share, 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*** provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. Please join us for this special 2-hour event.

Date: Monday, November 3rd
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Place: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
400 Congress Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665

To register: Call 608-637-7711 or email the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at stmaryparish@mwt.net or go to *griefshare.org/holidays* and click on "Find an Event."

Looking Ahead: A New Parish Sign

The Finance Council is planning to upgrade our parish marquee to a double-sided digital sign. This improvement would allow us to share parish news, Mass times, and community events more effectively with all who pass by our church. We are in negotiations with two companies working to ensure the best value for our parish. We ask for your prayers as we work to balance good stewardship with the need to keep our parish visible and welcoming.

Parish Announcements continued

Religious Education Registration -

If you missed registration and would like to participate in a program please visit our website at: www.stmarycv.org/religious-education and/or contact Pat Obernberger at *stmaryformation@mwt.net*

October Rosary

The rosary will be recited before the weekend masses during the month of October. Please come to church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate. If you are willing to lead the saying of the rosary contact Karen Callan.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Listening Sessions

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures or visit: **www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch.** Next local session is *October 16 at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse at 6:30 pm*

Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 8

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge hosting their annual Sauerkraut Supper on Wednesday, October 8 from 4 PM-7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pie. Cost $16 for dinner, raw kraut (2.5 lbs) $5. There is also a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles.

Public Square Rosary Rally - Oct 11

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by 70,000 people at Fatima, including atheists, communists, and anti-Catholics (leading many to convert). To honor this miracle, which occurred around noontime, and to show Our Lady we hear her request to stop offending God by our sins, **St. Peters/Middle Ridge is hosting a public rosary rally Saturday, October 11th at Noon.** This will be 1 of 23,000 rallies happening across America. In The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Please join St. Peters/Middle Ridge on October 11th!

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: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net **AND** jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!
Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!
Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th • 7:30 AM—NOON

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

$10.00
PER ADULT
$5.00
KIDS 6-12

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

St. Mary Parish
900 Central Ave
Coon Valley

Our famous pancake topping bar includes:

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter