



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



May 3, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Reading 559A

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

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



Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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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

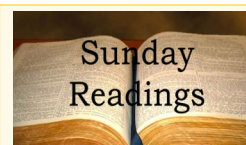
Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



May 3, 2026
 1) Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
 2) 1 Peter 2:4-9
 3) John 14:1-12

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-4:00 pm Mass - For the People
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:00 am Mass - † John Ritter
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, May 5

Weekday

- 4:30-5:00 pm Adoration
 - 5:15 pm Mass - † the souls in purgatory

THURSDAY, May 7

Weekday

- 8:00 am Mass - † Ursula Werner

SATURDAY, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day Weekend

-4:00 pm Mass - † Danny Powers
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

-8:00 am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 3** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) Guest Speaker in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass and Journey Board Presentation
- **May 5** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7
 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **May 9/10** ~ Rose Sale to support WI Right to Life, suggested donation \$2-3 per rose.
- **May 11-15** ~ Fr. Joe on priest retreat, no weekday Mass
- **May 12** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 17** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) End of the year Party
- **May 19** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
 ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **May 20** ~ Anniversary of the installation of Bishop Gerard Battersby as La Crosse's 11th Bishop.
- **May 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **May 26** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 31** ~ May celebration for First Communicants, Confirmation Student and Graduate.
 ~ Parish Social by all the PCCW Guilds
- **Jun 2** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: May full. Jun full. Jul 4, 12, 19, 25 and 26.

Open Weekdays: May full. Jun full. Jul 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, & 30.



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 April 20, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$75,623.50 (72.02%)
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
\$10,871.44	Received as of week 4
\$2,871.44	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		4/26/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,465.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	361.25	Received This Week	\$1,826.25
Total	\$1,826.25	Total needed	\$34,000.00
DCCW collection	\$610.00	YTD Received	\$34,486.93
Food Pantry	\$32.00	Difference	486.93

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 5/1/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,625.00	\$15,726.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
Over Target	\$4,060.00	\$1,161.69

Percent Pledged: 127.88% , Percent Received: 107.98%

Number Contributing: 27

To donate online, visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley

THANK YOU!

WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL WITH PAYMENTS!

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I'm writing this article with our combined Pastoral Council meeting coming up this evening (meaning that by the time you read this, it's already happened, but for me it hasn't yet). I'm sure I'll have something to say about our proceedings, which on the agenda include everything from sharing feedback to working through some of your gathered questions to workshopping a summer seminarian's assignment to brainstorming about collaboration between our parishes. I continue to be grateful to Fr. Martin and the Bishop and the people over at the Diocese for getting us these assignments with a longer-than-usual leadup before July 1, when it all starts – that time lets us shift from “here's the plan” to “let's discover the plan.”

For now, I want to invite you to renew your engagement with this “Fragrance Prayer” we're praying through the Easter season. As we pray it together at Mass, I perceive a numbing reluctance with this prayer which, to put it bluntly, indicates a spiritual resistance. I ask you very specifically to lean into the Holy Spirit, to make this part of your daily prayer, and as you pray it to ask Him the question, “Lord, how do you desire to expand in me and through me?” Notice in these words any phrase that rankles or resonates, any place that your attention turns off or that catches your breath and invite the Lord into that specific place with a “Lord, be with me here.” Once again, the Fragrance Prayer by St. John Newman:

*Dear Jesus,
help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,
that my life may only be a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me
that every soul I come in contact with
may feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!
Stay with me and then I shall begin
to shine as You shine,
so to shine as to be a light to others;
The light, O Jesus will be all from You;
none of it will be mine;
It will be you, shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise You the way You love best,
by shining on those around me.
Let me preach You without preaching,
not by words but by my example,
by the catching force of the sympathetic
influence of what I do,
The evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You.*

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

May the Month of Mary - Rosary before Mass

May Rosary: May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, the rosary will be recited 20 minutes before the weekend masses in May. Please make an effort to join us. Thanks!



Mother's Day Rose Sale: Honor your Mother the weekend of May 11th & 12th with a rose! The PCCW is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after both masses. A \$2-\$3 donation per rose is requested, with all proceeds going to Wisconsin Right To Life.

Join Viroqua PCCW for another Ladies Night Out on

Sunday, **May 3** at Old Towne Inn at 5:30 pm. All women of both the Viroqua & Coon Valley parishes are invited. A limited menu will be offered. We'll be honoring Joyce Humfeld and thanking her for her nearly 10 years as our parish PCCW president!



All are Welcome to attend - May 3 in Viroqua



Join our Religious Education parents and students for a special presentation by Ann Langford on Sunday, May 3, following Mass in Viroqua. Experience a prayerful way of engaging Sacred Scripture, where the Holy Spirit helps connect the passage to your own life. Whether you've never opened a Bible or spend time with Scripture each day, this approach is for you. This simple and meaningful way of praying with Scripture is known as *Lectio Divina*.

Diocese to Celebrate Wedding Anniversary by Decades

The Diocese has updated how wedding anniversaries are celebrated. Couples marking milestone anniversaries (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years) will now be invited to “*Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life*,” a special Mass with Bishop Battersby followed by photos and a simple reception. Couples celebrating 50th, 60th, and 70th anniversaries will also receive a certificate and letter by mail. **If 2026 or 2027 is a decade year for you, please contact the parish office to ensure your wedding date is in our records so you receive an invitation.** This year will be celebrated on: Aug. 9 2026: 1 pm Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

Gathered in Grace (Moms Group)- Driftless Region

Mom Group starting for local parishes. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace - Driftless Region" for more information. We will gain interest from the community and begin meeting once a week in September. If you have any questions, feel free to text/call Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706 or Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546. Scan the QR code to join the group with no obligation.



Parish Announcements *continued*

Casa Hogar and Uganda Missions

Several parishioners will be traveling on mission trips through the Diocese of La Crosse Mission Office. From **May 12-17** several parishioners from both Coon Valley and Viroqua are going to Casa Hogar. They will be spending time with the students and completing some painting that is needed. Casa Hogar has created a wish list of things they could use. If you have any questions you may contact Steve Schulte or any others who are going.

From **July 21-August 6** Mike and Clarice Kammel will be traveling with a group to Uganda. They will be spending time at Our Lady of Guadalupe School with Sr. Salome. There they will assemble and distribute essential food bags, visit the city where St. Francis helped provide a well for clean water, and work at a coffee plantation. There is also a wish list of items they could use in Uganda. If you have any questions please contact Clarice Kammel.

Copies of both wish lists are located in the back of the church if you would like to donate. All donations can be placed in the designated boxes in the back of the church or given to those traveling on these mission trips.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Stained Glass Tour of La Crosse - May 3

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration is excited to share with you a unique event coming up on Sunday May 3rd, 2026. In partnership with the La Crosse Historical Society, the Franciscan Spirituality Center and Explore La Crosse, this is a first-ever, ecumenical, stained glass tour of 5 historical churches in La Crosse. The 1 day only tour occurs on Sunday, May 3rd from 1pm to 4:30pm. Whether you decide to ride the trolley for a more organized tour (\$30/person) or go at your own pace with the self-guided (\$15) ticket purchase, you will encounter artistic and historic stained glass of renowned beauty. Among the 5 churches are works from Tiffany, Bavarian glass from the FX Zettler Art Institute, and Connaught stained glass. To purchase and for more information visit: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/>

Middle School Catholic Girls Group

Sacred Hearts Catholic Church in Cashton invites all middle school girls to join their group that will meet every 4th Sunday of the month from April through January from 4-5:30 PM. Each month a light dinner will be provided at no cost. Each gathering will include a Bible reading, learning about a Saint and a team-building activity. Organizers are Traci Castro, Missy Guralski and Becky Brown.

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local

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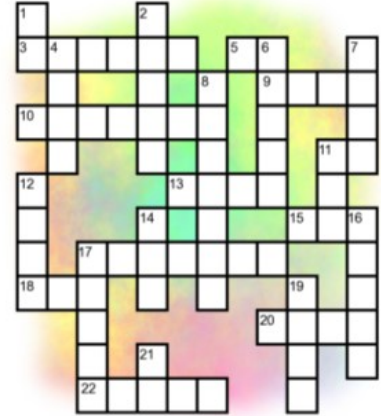
parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Activity Corner

"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER
OF BECAUSE
ON BELIEVE
ME FATHER
YOU WORKS
AND DOING
WHO SPEAK
WILL AMEN
OWN JESUS
TIME THAN
SHOW STILL
KNOW SEEN



_____ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a _____ (9a) and you _____ (6d) do not _____ (12d) me, Philip? _____ (17a) has seen me has _____ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' _____ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in _____ (21d) The words that I _____ (22a) to you I do not speak _____ (11a) my _____ (11d). The Father _____ (18a) dwells in me is _____ (16d) his works. _____ (8d) me that I am in the _____ (3a) and the Father _____ (5a) in me, or else, believe _____ (10a) _____ (1d) the works themselves. _____ (4d) amen, I say to _____ (14d), whoever believes in me _____ (13a) do the _____ (17d) that I do, _____ (15a) will do greater ones _____ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

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 stmarycv@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.

ROOTED IN
God's Love

GROWING IN FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE
ST. MARY PARISH, COON VALLEY, WI

Our
1ST COMMUNICANTS

"I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never
be hungry, and whoever believes
in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35

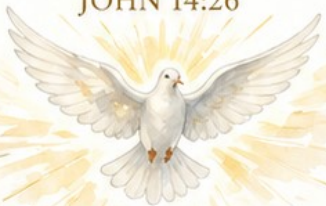


April 26, 2026-Onyx Ritter, Fr. Joe Richards, Dawsen Palmer

Our
CONFIRMATION
STUDENTS

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything and remind
you of all that I told you."

JOHN 14:26



April 30, 2026-Colton Hess, Adam Steiner, Bishop Battersby,
Nathaniel Steiger and Fr. Joe Richards

May these Sacraments be the beginning of a lifelong journey
with Jesus, who is our *Way*, our *Truth*, and our *Life*.

JOHN 14:6