

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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

October 11, 2026 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 656A

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www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

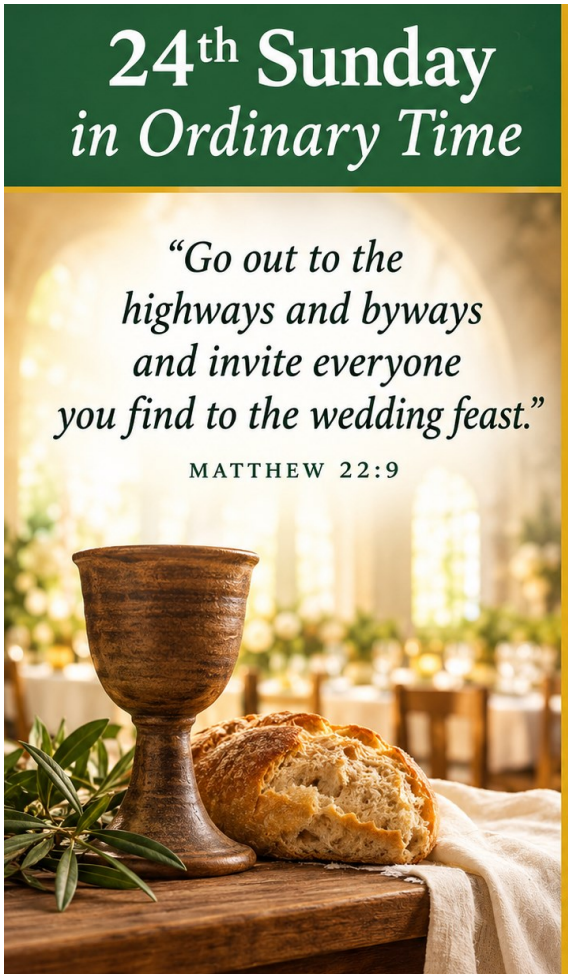
MASS SCHEDULE

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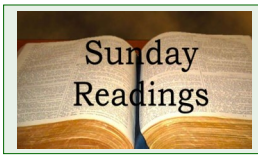
Parish Finance Council
Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

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 11, 2026
1) Isaiah 25:6-10
2) Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
3) Matthew 22:1-14

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 10 *(Fr. Honoré Kombo)*
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
~ 4:00 PM Mass ~ † For the People
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 11 *(Fr. Douglas Robertson)*
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
~ 8:00 AM Mass ~ † Willard and Mina Kubal
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin
Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, October 13 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
Weekday
~ Adoration 4:30 PM
~ 5:15 PM Mass ~ Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, October 15 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
St. Teresa of Jesus
~ 8:00 AM Mass ~ † Edwin and Anna Sedevie

SATURDAY, October 17 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
~ 4:00 PM Mass ~ † Jeanette Hammes
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, October 18 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
~ 8:00 AM Mass ~ For the People
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg



Needed last Month	
$8,000.00	at $2000 per week
$1,851.00	Received as of week 4
($6,149.00)	Difference for the Month

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : $105,000.00
As of September 25, 2026
Pledges received (30): $109,520.00
Payments received: $82,838.50
(correction from previous posting)
THANK YOU!
A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Oct 10** ~ Welcome Father Honoré Kombo, 4 PM Mass
- **Oct 11**~ ***Annual Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM-noon***
- **Oct 11**~ Welcome Father Douglas Robertson 8AM Mass
- **Oct 13** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Oct 18** ~Family Faith Formation Programming for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 18/19** ~ Annual Appeal Kick-off weekend
- **Oct 21** ~ A Table Together Meal serving 5-7 PM at Coon Valley Lutheran
- **Oct 27** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM



Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Nov 21 or 22 & 29. Dec 5 or 6, 13 and 27.
Open Weekdays: Oct 20, and 27. Nov 3 and 24. Dec 1, 8, 22, 24, and 25.

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			10/4/2026
Adult Env	$1,229.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	357.00	Received This Week	$1,851.00
Pancake Bkft	265.00	Total needed	$80,000.00
Total	**$1,737.00**	YTD Received	$76,908.93
		Difference	(3,091.07)

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

I seem to have a penchant for saints named varieties of Theresa – Thérèse of Lisieux, Mother Teresa, Teresa of Ávila, there's a theme here. All three of these saints celebrate their feasts within a month and a half, starting with Mother Teresa back on September 5, Thérèse on October 1, and now Teresa of Ávila this coming Thursday. There's an even deeper connection in their names, with Thérèse receiving her name (Mary Françoise-Thérèse) first from her parents in honor of Teresa of Ávila and then keeping the name Thérèse upon entering religious life herself fifteen years later; Anjezë Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa) choosing the religious name "Teresa" in honor of Thérèse when she joined the Sisters of Loreto (and keeping the name when she later started the Missionaries of Charity). In a tangible sense Teresa of Ávila inspired these two Greats (among so many) with her wholehearted, single-minded receptivity to the Lord.

Teresa (or Theresa) of Ávila was a Carmelite nun back in the sixteenth century – an important century in the Church. This was when the major movements of the Protestant Reformation were unfolding, European countries were starting to expand in earnest throughout the world carrying each their country's denominational affiliation, and the millennium-long "Middle Ages" was giving way to the Renaissance. Teresa was around in a time of *massive* change and paradigm shifting. When she first entered the Carmelites against her aristocratic family's wishes, she was remarkable in her charisma and zeal. The Carmelites themselves are known for their rigor and simplification (detachment) to make room for full, unimpeded attachment to Christ, but when Teresa joined up they had grown (to put it way too shortly) sloppy. She entered into a lifelong mission of reforming the Carmelites to bring them back to their roots, and suffered tremendously in this work. Much like her centuries-later protégé Thérèse with her *Story of a Soul*, St. Teresa gifted the world with her magnum opus *The Interior Castle* only as an act of obedience, and I would raise an argument that this work (along that of another protégé John of the Cross) set the tone for Catholic spirituality over the last five hundred years.

Anyway, I'd like to share a word from Teresa of Ávila that Mother Teresa loved to recall, for your reflection: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, yours are the eyes through which to look out, Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless men now."

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Last weeks bulletin is available for online viewing at: www.stmaryscv.org/bulletins

Pancake Breakfast Contribution Envelopes
All remaining envelopes have been mailed. Thank you for supporting our Annual Fundraiser!

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

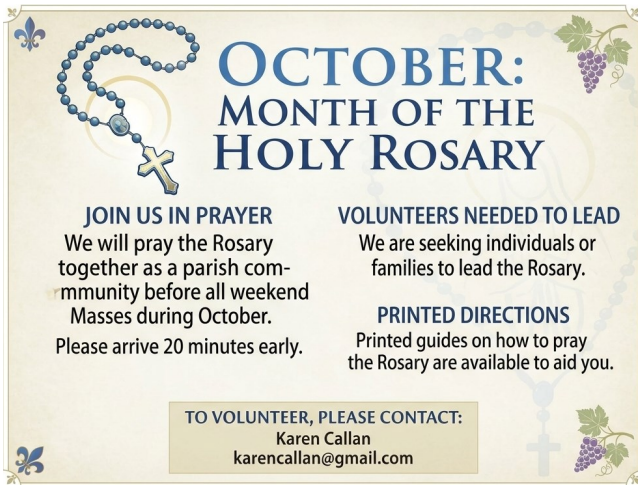
Please join us for this special 2-hour event which provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate grief throughout the holiday season.

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.

Mass Intentions Father Emmanuel is going to be visiting his family in Ghana from mid-October through mid-November, and would like to bring some Mass intentions along with him to offer while he is gone. The suggested donation for a Mass intention in our Diocese is $20.00. If you have any intentions that you would like offered by Father Emmanuel while he is gone, please reach out to the Viroqua Parish office at: 608-637-7711 or email: office@abvmviroqua.diolcparish.org



Parish Announcements *continued*

2026–27 Diocesan Annual Appeal Kickoff – Oct 17 & 18
Next weekend, our parish will kick off the 2026–2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal, **"Many Gifts, One Mission."** 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. Together, we can share God's blessings and strengthen the mission of the Church. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this year's Appeal.

Religious Education Registration
If you were unable to make the registration please contact email Pat Obernberger from *Annunciation of the BVM Parish,* cre@abvmviroqua.diolcparish.org or Bridget Goodwin, *St Mary Parish Coordinator of Religious Education* at stmarycvformation@gmail.com

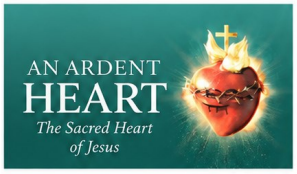
Viroqua Annual Fall Dinner – October 21, 2026 Annunciation Parish in Viroqua will hold their annual fall dinner that Wednesday afternoon. Mark your calendars to join, and if you are interested in helping out with the Fall Dinner (setup, gametime, or cleanup) reach out to Julie Moore at juliemoore29@gmail.com.

Restore the Roots - October Edition
Now available in the back of the church.

World Mission Sunday - Oct 17/18
October 18th is World Mission Sunday, envelopes are in the back of church for your use to support missions. We invite you to view the video on YouTube by Pope Leo: Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 100th World Mission Sunday

This Week on *FORMED*

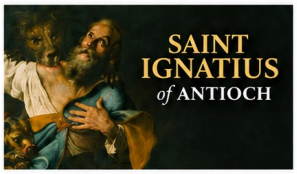
Week of October 11, 2026



An Ardent Heart
The dramatic story of best-selling writer Lupe Valdes, who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and discovers the historical evidence of its mystical revelations.



St. Teresa of Avila
A powerful mini-series filmed in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history. A definitive and inspiring look at the life of this great saint.



St. Ignatius of Antioch
Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ, in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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

Diocesan/Local Announcement

Sacred Heart School—Quarterly Journal
Now available in the back of the church.

Sauerkraut Supper - Wed. October 14, 4:00 to 7:30pm, St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge. $16 per person. Includes: Church -made sauerkraut and pork, Polish sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, and homemade pie. Raw sauerkraut is available for $5 (2.5 lbs). Also has a beverage tent with entertainment, Bake sale, and Raffles.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference
Join the Queen of the Americas Guild for a 2-day conference examining Our Lady's role as Compassionate Mother to All That Live Together in This Land. Open to all those who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic.
Date: October 16 and 17, Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cost: $125

Respect Life Month (October)
October is Respect Life Month. Catholic Charities offers free, confidential pregnancy and parenting support and adoptions services. For pregnancy support, call 1-884-64GRACE (1-888644-7223) or text715-600-6391. For adoption information, call 1-888-212-4357.

Chili Tasting - Oct 24
Chili Tasting Supper at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Saturday, Oct 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Variety of chilis include GF/DF and Vegan options. Kid-friendly mac & cheese available. Meal includes chili tasting, beverage, bread & dessert. $10 [13 and older], $5 [4 – 12 yrs], free under 4 yrs. Max: $30/family. The event benefits charities supported by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1183.

Granny Basketball Exhibition Game - Oct 26
All are welcome to check out the game of the year. The La Crosse Does vs. the Diocesan Padres at Aquinas High School on Oct 26 starting at 7 PM. Admission is a free will donation with all proceeds going to support Casa Hogar Juan Pabll II in Peru.

SAVE THE DATE. 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.

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.

Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

September 25, 2026

A wonderful evening of faith, fun and fellowship under the stars!

DAVID
(Animated Version)









POPCORN

50+ PEOPLE ATTENDED!

We had a great turnout with adults and children joining us for a night of movie, food and fellowship!

Thank You,

Bridget Goodwin
for coordinating this amazing event for our parish!

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 11th • 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
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Our famous pancake topping bar includes:

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

