St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

May 25, 2025 | The Ascension of the Lord | Reading 565C

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

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Viroqua, WI 54665
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Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass
Thursdays after Mass until noon or by appointment

DEACON

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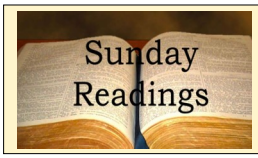
Parish Finance Council
Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council
Mike Callan, 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



June 01, 2025
1) Acts 1:1-11
2) Ephesians 1:17-23
3) Luke 24:46-53

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, May 31
The Ascension of the Lord/Seventh Sunday of Easter
- 4:00pm Mass - † Anna Kerska
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, June 01
The Ascension of the Lord/Seventh Sunday of Easter
-8:00am Mass - † Laura Adams
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rod and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, June 03
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
- 4:30-5:00pm NO Adoration
- 5:15pm NO Mass

THURSDAY, June 05
St. Boniface
- 8:00am - Communion Service

SATURDAY, June 07
Pentecost Sunday
- 4:00pm Mass - † Cheryl Roesler
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, June 08
Pentecost Sunday
-8:00am Mass - † Kyle Von Ruden
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Malene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

DID YOU KNOW?

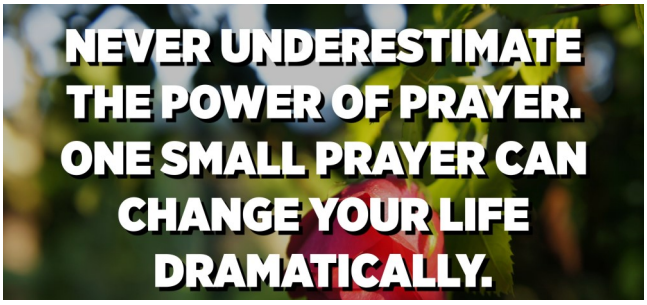
If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to $100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more 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.

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 05/30/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	$14,555.00	$13,321.63
Target Amount	$14,050.00	$14,050.00
Over/Under Target	**$505.00**	**($728.37)**
Percent Pledged: 103.59%, Percent Received: 94.10%		
Number Contributing: 30		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 26-Jun 6** ~ Fr. Joe in Lincoln NE for FOCUS - No weekday Masses
- **May 31/Jun 1** ~ Welcome Fr. Tim Reither, help out priest for the weekend
- **Jun 3** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 5** ~ Communion Service at 8 AM
- **Jun 8** ~ Imelda Kararo Baptism
- **Jun 10** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 17** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 24** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 27** ~ Fr. Joe Anniversary of Ordination
- **Jul 1** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jul 26** ~ ***Summer Family Picnic***



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jul 6, 13, & 20. Aug 10 & 31. Sep 7, 21 & 28.
Open Weekdays: May & Jun-full. Jul 8, 10, 22, 24, 29 & 31. Aug 7, 12, 14, & 26.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 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 May 22, 2025
Pledges received (30): $109,520.00
Payments received: $58,146.50
THANK YOU!

Needed last Month	
$8,000.00	at $2000 per week
$7,077.35	Received as of week 4
($922.65)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week			5/25/2025
Adult Env (35)	$985.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	378.25	Received This Week	$1,423.25
Pentecost	$60.00	Running total needed	$42,000.00
Total	**$1,423.25**	YTD Received	$41,896.56
Mem Day/Cem	$80.00	Difference	(103.44)
Food Pantry	$10.00		

From the Pastor

Hello my friends,

As of this writing (and roughly timed, your reading), I'm halfway through my time down in Lincoln. I mentioned last weekend how much I love supporting the missionaries in an organization that played such a role in my own story – consoling and strengthening brand new missionaries, encouraging and bolstering veterans, seeing the work I handed over ten years ago continuing longish after I've gone. I'll always have a good dose of gratitude in my heart for my own experience as a missionary – after having left seminary in college with no intention of returning, it was on a FOCUS campus that I decided to come back and again consider becoming a priest (spoiler alert, I followed through). I re-entered seminary as a missionary fully intending for my priesthood to be a missionary endeavor (and I'm not a unique case).

This is also a handy lens to hold when it comes to understanding my own heart, priesthood, and pastoral direction. We are in a peculiar season in the Church – in many places we are seeing many of the long-standing institutions (developed to suit the needs of a time of fuller pews and deeply ingrained cultural Catholicism) being left behind. Many of the tools and experiments and ideologies we've tried over the last few hundred years have proven insubstantial and fleeting when they're not centered exclusively on Jesus Christ. Massive demographic shifts among both the laity (who's filling the pews) and the clergy (who's in front of the pews) are very soon going to force the reality that even the parish structures we know and love and have grown up in literally cannot continue under the status quo. We don't have a choice but to let our participation in Jesus' Church be changed by the question, "what next?"

If we were in the business of managing and resting on what we've received this would all be serious trouble, but we simply are not in that business. Our business is to hear Jesus' Word: "all authority in Heaven and on Earth has been given to me, so I say to you 'go, make disciples of all nations.'" Jesus' final Word on this Earth is LOUD. The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully, restoring wounded hearts, finding the lost, establishing and building a People centered entirely on Jesus Christ. The Christian vision all comes down to this: you are not made for this world – you are made A) to be loved by a God who made you specifically because He loves you, B) to carry His love with you to people who desperately need to know Him and His love for them. You and me being His missionaries isn't an option, folks – it's a powerful opportunity that He gives us to let our lives be about His life. I'm willing, and I pray that you are willing, and I hope to be with you missionaries together.

God bless you, and I love you very much,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Summer Girls Bible Study
This summer, Viroqua will be hosting a bible study for girls ages 9-13. We will be meeting 5 times on Monday afternoons throughout the season. Please contact Carly Zadow (608-792-4872 or zadow2021@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up by June 8th. Thank you!

Happy 90th Birthday, Rosey Roningen!

Let's help Rose Roningen celebrate a very special milestone—her 90th birthday on June 12th! Rose has been a cherished member of our parish for many years. Though she is currently unable to attend Mass, we can show her our love and appreciation by showering her with birthday cards.

Please send your birthday wishes to:

Rose Roningen
E4033 Petticoat JCT
Coon Valley, WI 54623

Let's fill her mailbox with joy and blessings!

ST. MARY PARISH PCCW NEWS

◊ Thank you parishioners for your generous donations recently towards the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. We collected $354. This money has been sent to the DCCW to help support all their worthy programs.

◊ Thank you to everyone who purchased roses on Mother's Day weekend. We had 100 roses and raised $291 to be given to Right to Life.

◊ The PCCW will donate $200 to John Francis and his Biking for Babies program.

◊ The PCCW recently had an area seamstress make new table runners to help decorate our tables in the church hall. These cost $305 and are really brightening our tables in the church hall.

◊ The next PCCW meeting will be on Sept 8 at 5:30PM.

Healing Service – Jun 13
Come experience God's supernatural love on Friday, June 13 at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua *updated location*. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, followed by 5:30 PM Mass, corporate prayer for healing, and individual healing ministry. All are welcome—come for part or all of the evening.

Save the Date
Summer Family Picnic
July 26, 2025

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Novena to the Holy Spirit starts May 30 - June 7, 2025
A nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost is available for download here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info. **A few copies are also available in the back of church.** The focus of each day of the Novena is to pray for an increase of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are necessary to live the Christian life. It will be powerful if all are encouraged to join in as a parish to pray the Novena.

Family Caregiver Support Group
The Franciscan Spirituality Center has teamed up with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County to offer a FREE Family Caregiver Support Group. In-person meetings are 1:30-2:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month starting June 12 at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse. The group is open to ALL caregivers. The focus will be on reducing the stress of family caregivers, not on a specific diagnosis. Meet others and share the caregiving journey! No registration is required. For more information, please contact Kristine Meyer at 608-386-0922 or kmeyer@lacrossecounty.org.

March for Life Wisconsin - Jun 14
Join Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, and Wisconsin Right to Life for a joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 2-4pm. Find out more and sign up to take the bus at **MarchforLifeWisconsin.org**. **Bus tickets are $15 for individuals and $45 for families.** Questions? Contact Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director Lesley Chisholm at 262-796-1111 X116 or **Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org**.

La Crosse Warming Center Summer Services
Catholic Charities is providing Summer Services for those who are unhoused at the La Crosse Warming Center which include showers, laundry, access to other community resources such as Economic Support, CCS/Pathways Outreach Team, and St. Lawrence Community Services Housing Counseling. In order to provide these services, a need for monetary donation which can be done on their website www.cclse.org

The Renewal Project: Simple, Achievable, Life-Changing
The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it's a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow, and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles, or students. It's about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out. To learn more and begin your journey, visit diolc.org/renewal. Come and see what the Lord desires for you.

Counted as Mine:
Come see the Guadalupe story as an operetta!
Counted as Mine, by Mother Mary Francis, PCC, and Fr. Joseph Roff, is being performed for the first time since 1962. Performances will be Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 22, 2:30 p.m. at the Weber Center in La Crosse. GuadalupeShrine.org/Events

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

DARE to Follow July 8-10 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center
We are called to be Holy Men of God. Dare to Follow is for young men in grades 6-10 who are interested in hearing where God is calling them. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area. https://diolc.org/priesthood/2025-dare-tofollow/

Activity Corner

The Ascension: True or False?

1. Jesus kept appearing to His disciples for forty days after Easter. True or False?
2. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit to the disciples until after He went up into Heaven. True or False?
3. Jesus had taught the Apostles everything they needed to know before He died, so He didn't have to teach them anything after the Resurrection. True or False?
4. Some of the disciples asked Jesus if He was going to start a new kingdom in this world. True or False?
5. Jesus and the apostles were all gathered in one room when Jesus disappeared and went into Heaven. True or False?
6. Jesus was with a big crowd of His friends on a hill when He went up, body and soul, into Heaven. True or False?
7. When Jesus comes back, He will return in the same sort of way as how He left. True or False?

Answers: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T

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.