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**St. Mary's, Coon Valley**

**Weekend Masses**

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

**Weekday Mass:**

Tues. - **6:30 PM** and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

**Area Parishes—Mass Times**

**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua**

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

Starting Feb 1st:

Sat. 6:30 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

**St. Peter, Middle Ridge**

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish!

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [frmattmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:frmattmarshall@gmail.com). You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of a sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Mass Intentions:** Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

**Book of Prayer Requests:** Please call or email Fr. Matt to have an intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

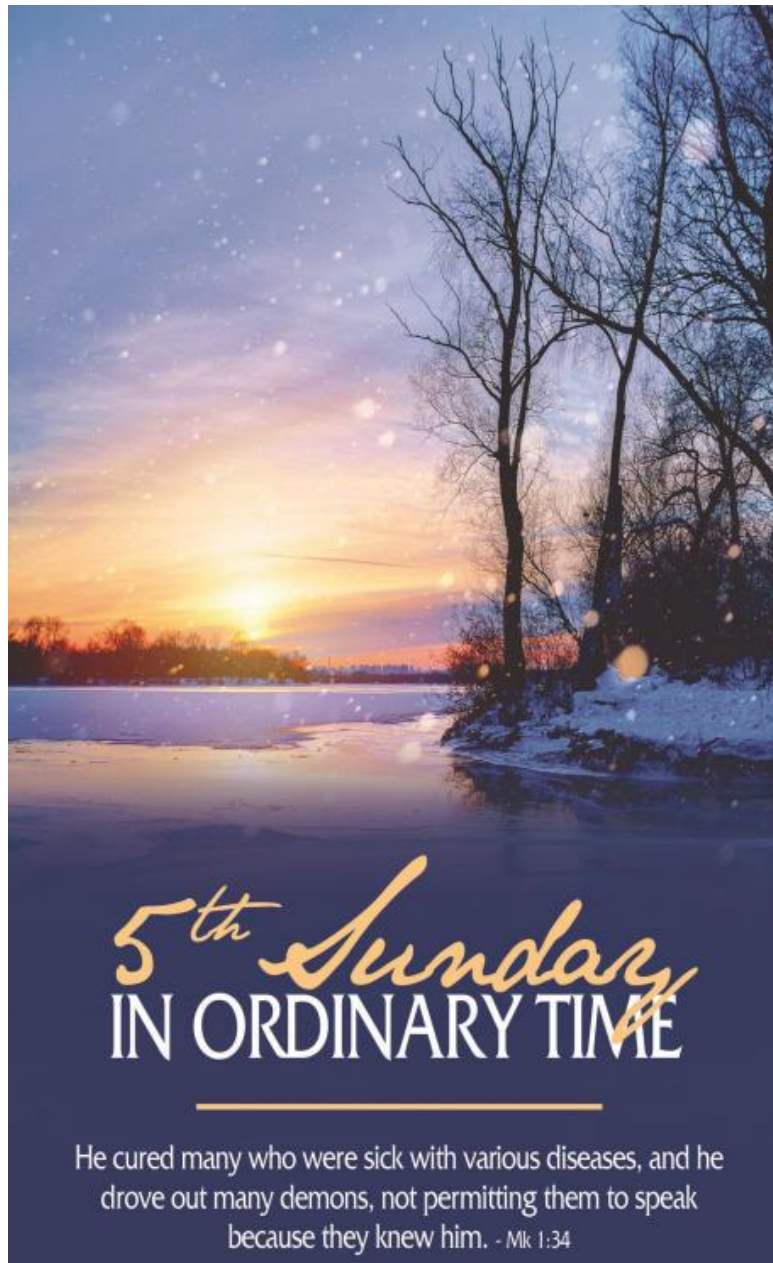
# St. Mary's Parish

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**Fr. Matthew Marshall**

*Pastor*

**February 7, 2021**

*Readings: 591B*

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- 1) Job 7:1-4, 6-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
- 3) Mark 1:29-39

**FOCUS:** Although we may know despair, we are called to live in hope.

Despair and grief are part of the human condition, and are often brought on because of loss or suffering. In Christ, however, we experience hope and healing. As disciples working to build the kingdom of God on earth, let us, like Saint Paul, willingly take the Gospel to others and share our hope freely with them.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Job expresses his despair, describing life without hope or happiness. Saint Paul writes that he has no reason to boast – that preaching the Gospel is an obligation. Thus, he offers the Gospel *free of charge* and has *become all things to all, to save at least some*. In the Gospel, Jesus touches and cures Simon's mother-in-law, as well as many others, *throughout the whole of Galilee*.

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### Intentions

- Feb 06 ~ 4:00 PM - †Mary Rabotski
- Feb 07 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jack and Mary Robinson
- Feb 09 ~ **6:30 PM** - †Rosie LeJeune
- Feb 11 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS
- Feb 13 ~ 4:00 PM - †Steven Thompson
- Feb 14 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ted and Hilda Ollendick and Family

### Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.



### Next Week in Service — Feb 14th

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg
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### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- February 6/7 ~ Candlemas Day celebrated
- February 9 ~ **Reminder:** Tuesday Mass at **6:30 PM**
- February 11 ~ **NO daily Mass**
- February 16 ~ Finance Council Meeting **\*\*7:15 PM**
- February 17 ~ **Ash Wednesday Service—12 PM (noon)**
- February 24 ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Our Sunday Mass Streaming Live on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Mass at Noon on February 17th or stop by the church for prayer time and ash pickup

### Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 02/04/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,265.00	\$13,429.28
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
<b>Over Target</b>	\$1,340.00	\$504.28

Percent Pledged: 110.37%, Percent Received: 103.9%

Number Contributing: 35

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!** Thank you! All funds donated from this point forward will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. **If you have not contributed, now is the time!** Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online>, under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish.

### 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.

### Giving Last Week

		Week 05	1/31/2021
Adult Env.(20)	\$905.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$19.00	Received This Week	\$924.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$924.00</b>	YTD Needed	\$9,500.00
		YTD Received	\$6,188.25
		Difference	(3,311.75)

## From Fr. Matt:

- I will be heading home again Wednesday afternoon to care for my mom. **No Mass Wed - Fri next week.**

- **Reminder:** if school is cancelled or delayed, Thursday morning Mass will be cancelled. Plan according to weather for Tuesday and weekend Masses. Be safe!

## Parish Announcements

### Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:

#### Virginia Nerison

who passed away on  
February 3, 2021

*"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:9-10*



### 2020 Contribution Statements

All statements have been picked up or mailed. If you have questions or concerns about your statement, or you do not receive your statement, please contact the parish office.

### Staying Connected

- ⇒ The parish bulletin is available on our Website—[www.stmarycv.org](http://www.stmarycv.org)
- ⇒ We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database) or upon request
- ⇒ Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- ⇒ **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

### Donations:

We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](http://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley) (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### World Day for Consecrated Life (Celebrated February 6-7)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### National Marriage Week Feb. 7 to 14

This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year our theme is: To Have, To Hold, To Honor. Here's how you can join us: Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our seven-day at-home retreat focused on marriage. This year the retreat theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." Visit: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/NMW%202021%20At-Home%20Marriage%20Retreat%20EN.pdf>

**Marriage Preparation Retreats** - The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at [mnerickson95@gmail.com](mailto:mnerickson95@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

### At Home Suggested Lenten Practices

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, sign up to receive a daily email with a short video to help you connect in a stronger way with Jesus.

- Sign up for Bishop Barron's daily Lenten reflections [lentreflections.com/](http://lentreflections.com/) or
- Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at [dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentenver](http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentenver)

Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to "Go Deeper" in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) for adult resources and [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) for children and young people resources.

### Bishop Callahan's Lenten Video Message

For Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN3ivPPh3x0&feature=youtu.be>

### What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing

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## Diocesan/Local Announcements (cont.)

mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

**Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27.** Are you a man at least 30 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at [bhilts@dioc.org](mailto:bhilts@dioc.org). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

## Week of Feb. 7th Readings

### Monday 8 February

*Genesis 1:1-19*

Think of some beautiful experience of the night sky as you hear this great reading. As we look up and contemplate the age and distance of the stars, we can feel very small. And yet, the creator God is also our father, Abba.

*Mark 6:53-56*

The Gospel of Mark is told in an urgent, breathless style. Today we hear one of those compressed summaries, capturing the popularity of Jesus among the sick.

### Tuesday 9 February

*Genesis 1:20-2:4*

This is the second part of yesterday's reading: the whole story of creation. When you hear that we humans are made in the image and likeness of God, how do you feel?

*Mark 7:1-13*

Before we plunge into a condemnation of the shallowness of the Pharisees, it is worth remembering that the rules were designed to bring an experience of God's presence into the everyday. Of course, it can become obsessive and pointless—features not unknown in the churches' various devotions! Jesus is sharp in his response, but not any sharper than many of the prophets of old.

### Wednesday 10 February

*St Scholastica, virgin*

*Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17*

This is the second creation story—very different from the first. God is much more “hands on,” as we say, and Adam is created at the very start. The journey of this creation story is one we all make: from original innocence to knowledge and responsibility, alienation and guilt.

*Mark 7:14-23*

This kind of spiritual teaching is found in many traditions, including Judaism. The shock is *declaring all foods clean*. This is a logical consequence of Jesus' open table-fellowship but the clarity of the teaching most likely comes from the controversies of the early church. The teaching about the heart goes to the heart of the matter.

**Thursday 11 February - Oops!** Fr. Kieran forgot to post one for today...so thoughts from Fr. Matt instead:

*Gen 2: 18-25*

Human beings are a special part of God's Creation. Especially to each other! A good reminder here of how we all need one another, are made for one another.

*Mk 7: 24-30*

## Week of Feb. 7th Readings (cont.)

Even Jesus had lessons to learn. Jesus had need of others! Today the faith and goodness of this Syrophenician woman (an outsider in all respects!) teaches Jesus a valuable lesson. She expands his mind and ministry.

### Friday 12 February

*Genesis 3:1-8*

Loss of innocence and the discovery of shame are the experience of us all. We may even recognize in ourselves the tendency to pass the blame. Even so, within all this familiarity, there is the serpent — symbol of evil already there before we are born.

*Mark 7:31-37*

This story may also be a follow-through on the Syrophenician woman. Here a *man* is enabled to hear and speak. At Mark's spiritual level, this means to hear the Good News and proclaim the Gospel. All of *us* are that man.

### Saturday 13 February

*Genesis 3:9-24*

As noted, the primordial history in Genesis is partly responding to puzzles in human experience, such as why is it painful to have a baby, why is work so hard, why do we sweat? The more mysterious phrase about the serpent points to evil not having the last word.

*Mark 8:1-10*

This passage must be read in the light of Mark's Gospel itself. The writer is forcing us, the readers, to think about the double miracle of the loaves. One was in Jewish territory with references to Moses. The other was in Gentile territory with references to Elijah. The context is a mixed community of Jews and Gentiles. Unless you recognize that Jesus is the “bread of life” equally for both, you have no idea who he is.

## KIDS CORNER



*At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach.*

*Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?*