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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 40 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 40 people)

Weekday Mass:

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

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Weekend Masses

- 6:30 PM Saturday

- 10:30 AM Sunday

Weekday Mass:

Wed. - 6:30 PM and Fri. - 8:00 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:

By appointment. Call or e-mail Fr. Matt. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: [https:// www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments)

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fr mattmarshall@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 the 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: Located in the back of church. Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The requests will be included in the parish prayers.

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The Ascension of the Lord



"Mysteries of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ"
by Antonio Campi

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

May 16, 2021

Readings: 565B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 16, 2021

- 1) Acts 1:1-11
- 2) Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
- 3) Mark 16:15-20

FOCUS: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.*

The Apostles' conversion happened over an extended period of time. Jesus' command to go and baptize all who would come to believe through their efforts is ongoing to this day. People are waiting for us to extend an invitation and to witness how faith in Jesus has changed our lives. There is no time to waste.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Luke recounts the days and weeks following Jesus' resurrection, and his interactions with the disciples until he is taken up to heaven. Paul prays that the Ephesians grasp the power of Christ at work within them. In the Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples the instruction to *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.*

Annual Appeal 2020-21		
As of 05/13/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,965.00	\$18,417.84
Target Amount	\$12,925.00	\$12,925.00
Over Target	\$6,040.00	\$5,492.84
Percent Pledged: 146.73%, Percent Received: 142.5%		
Number Contributing:	42	
<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>		

Intentions
May 15 ~ 4:00 PM - †William, Rose Marie, Frank and Dennis LeJeune
May 16 ~ 8:00 AM - †Cecilia Humfeld
May 18 ~ 6:30 PM - †Durwood "Woody" Roningen
May 20 ~ 8:00 AM - †Elizabeth Freit
May 22 ~ 4:00 PM - †Our fallen soldiers
May 23 ~ 8:00 AM - †Kylie Von Ruden

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 16** ~ Mass for our Graduating HS Seniors, 8 AM
- **May 18** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:45 PM
- **May 19** ~ Westby HS Baccalaureate 6:00 PM
- **May 31** ~ Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery
- **June 15** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM

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)



Next Week in Service — May 22/23

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

Reader:	Saturday - Robert Kerska Sunday - Volunteer
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler



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 19	5/9/2021
Adult Env. (28)	\$1710.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$44.00	Received This Week	\$1,754.00
Total	\$1,754.00	YTD Needed	\$36,100.00
		YTD Received	\$36,791.39
		Difference	691.39

Parish Announcements

Honoring Our HS Graduates This Sunday

This weekend we honor our High School graduates. **Graduates: we congratulate your achievements and send you blessings for a bright future!**



*Andrew Knutson
Garrison Korn
Whitney Mislivecek*



Blessing for Graduates

We pray for our graduates.
O God, we thank you for them!

Lord Jesus,
walk beside them always.

Help them to remember that you are with them, for them.

Help them to remember they are loved as they are.

May every passing day
see them grow more and more
into their own persons.

And may experience teach them too,
how to live with every other.

May growth in love, joy,
wisdom, and life
be the way they choose now and forever.

May they truly live,
each and every day of their lives.
Amen.



Thanks so much to all who supported the PCCW Mother's Day rose sale last weekend. The sale brought in \$230 for WI Right to Life!

50th Anniversary Celebration

If there are any couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary any time in 2021, please contact the parish office. The Bishop plans to have a special celebration on July 13th to commemorate the occasion.

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.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

MMOC Chicken Que

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on **Thurs., May 13**, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. for pickup and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call 608-518- 6145. No minimum order-no delivery charge. Enter Weston St driveway.

Formation in Theology of the Body

Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body provides a road map to discovering our purpose in life and resonates with the deepest desires of the heart. Catechetical leaders, deacons, catechists, parents, grandparents and all those who serve youth, join us virtually on **Saturday, June 5th** to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body by Brian Butler, the author of Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School. Visit diolc.org/tob for further details and to register for \$10.

St. Joseph Cathedral Chicken-Que

St. Joseph Cathedral PCCW, 530 Main St. La Crosse will be holding a Chicken-Que on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 11 am - 6 pm, for pick-up only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses or by calling 608-769-7965. Please enter via King St. and proceed to canopy for pick-up.

Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute-Viterbo Univ.

Franciscan CORE 2021 will be June 13th - 18th in a hybrid format offering virtual gatherings and a one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social Teaching and the life of St. Francis of Assisi as a model of service we can offer in our own communities. Franciscan CORE invites rising 10th, 11th, and 12th students to discern their call to leadership and service for the Church and the world. Investment for this amazing experience is only \$50. Registration is open! Visit their website viterbo.edu/franciscan-core for more information and a link to register.

Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

Once again, the U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-June 29 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right of religious liberty, which faces grave threats in the U.S. and abroad. Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious freedom. Visit the website <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/religious-freedom-week/> for more information.

How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, 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!

Week of May 16th Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 17 May

Acts 19:1-8

Pentecost has a long reverberation through the Acts and there are several “mini” Pentecosts. Paul triggers one when he baptizes some followers of John the Baptist.

John 16:29-33

Towards the end of the Farewell Discourse, the disciples are shown coming to insight at last about the identity of Jesus. It has been a long journey — longer than you might imagine, because we are “overhearing” the fruits of many *decades* of prayer, reflection and teaching. Our own journey of faith cannot be different.

Tuesday 18 May - St John I

Acts 20:17-27

Today’s reading is a very touching scene: the final farewell of Paul to the faithful of Ephesus. It offers a kind of apology for the Pauline mission.

John 17:1-11

Today we hear the start of the final prayer from the Farewell Discourse. It is, of course, a prayer; but it is also a kind of summary of the teaching so far and a looking forward to the time after the resurrection. *You may notice the typical “definition” of eternal life: And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

Wednesday 19 May

Acts 20:28-38

Paul’s last speech to the elders in Ephesus is full of still valid and good advice and the very last moment is very moving.

John 17:11-19

“Glorify” may sound strange to us, as if Jesus were looking for some kind of vain recognition. In this Gospel, however, to glorify point to the cross; specifically, it means that the heart of God, God’s inner identity, is disclosed in Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Thursday 29 May - St Bernardine of Siena

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11

“Divide and conquer” is an old rule and Paul uses it cannily in today’s vignette. Paradoxically, Paul is “rescued” by the very officials who hold him prisoner.

John 17:20-26

This heartfelt prayer will touch us all. Although conflict *is* normal, at every level, it cannot be normative. Therefore, we strive for forgiveness, reconciliation and true following or oneness. May this great prayer be ours today!

Friday 21 May - St Christopher Magallanes and his companions

Acts 25:13-21

A key event in the life of Paul is recounted. He was under arrest in Caesarea. As a Roman citizen, he makes appeal to the emperor.

John 21:15-19

Because our reading of John is coming to a close as the Easter Season ends, the lectionary takes us forward to chapter 21. In the background, there is an oblique reminder of his betrayal (charcoal). But in the foreground stands the high call to love and the fundamental call to follow.

Week of May 16th Readings continued

Saturday 21 May - St Rita of Cascia

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

The closing of the Acts is a marvelous scene. Paul is in Rome and still preaching. It is notable that the very last sentence of the Acts reads as follows (in Greek): proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ with complete freedom and *unhindered*. A great ending — and a great beginning, because it is up to us the readers to continue the task.

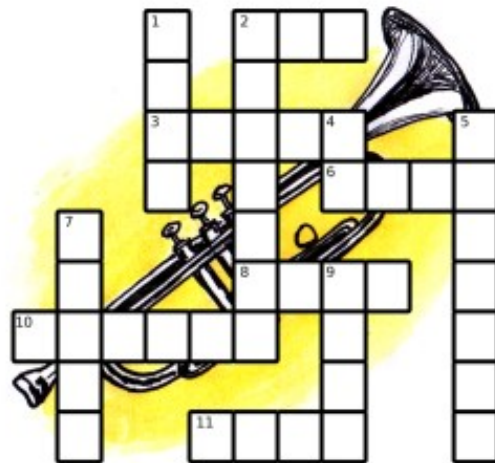
John 21:20-25

Our Gospel is also a closing scene. It was important for the community, dealing with the death of their beloved leader. At the same time, it provides the writer with a second chance to close the whole book, with mixed feelings of exasperation and wonder!



KIDS CORNER

Psalm 47 Cross-Word



Unscramble the words in CAPITAL letters.
Then you can fit them into the puzzle.
(A means across and D means down.)

LAL (2A) you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the Lord, the SOMT (8A) HHGI (1D),
the EMOSAEW (2D),
is the TREAG (3A) king
VROE (6A) all the HTREA (7D).
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid UMPRET (5D) blasts.
GISN (9D) praise OT (4D) God, sing praise;
Sing SIEARP (10A) to our INKG (11A), sing praise.

Answers: Down: 1.high, 2.awesome, 4.to, 5.trumpet, 7.earth, 9.sing. Across: 2.all, 3.great, 6.over, 8.most, 10.praise, 11.king.