**PASTOR**

**Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)**
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**Cell Phone: 608-606-9787**
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**Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:**
Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time
Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday……...……..…4:00pm
Sunday…….……..……...8:00am

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday…….…..….5:15 pm
Thursday……...….....8:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday……..……...3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday……..……7:15am to 7:45am

**PARISH OFFICE**

Amy Stafslien, Admin. Assist…....608-452-3841
Bulletin deadline: ……..… Wednesday noon
E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net
Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

**COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Vacant

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed vacancy)

**PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

**ORGANISTS**

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris Carskadon.

**Fr. Joe also serving:**
**Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times: Weekend..……Saturday……..6:30 PM
Sunday ……10:30 AM
Weekday: Wednesdays - 5:15 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

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**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 and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

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

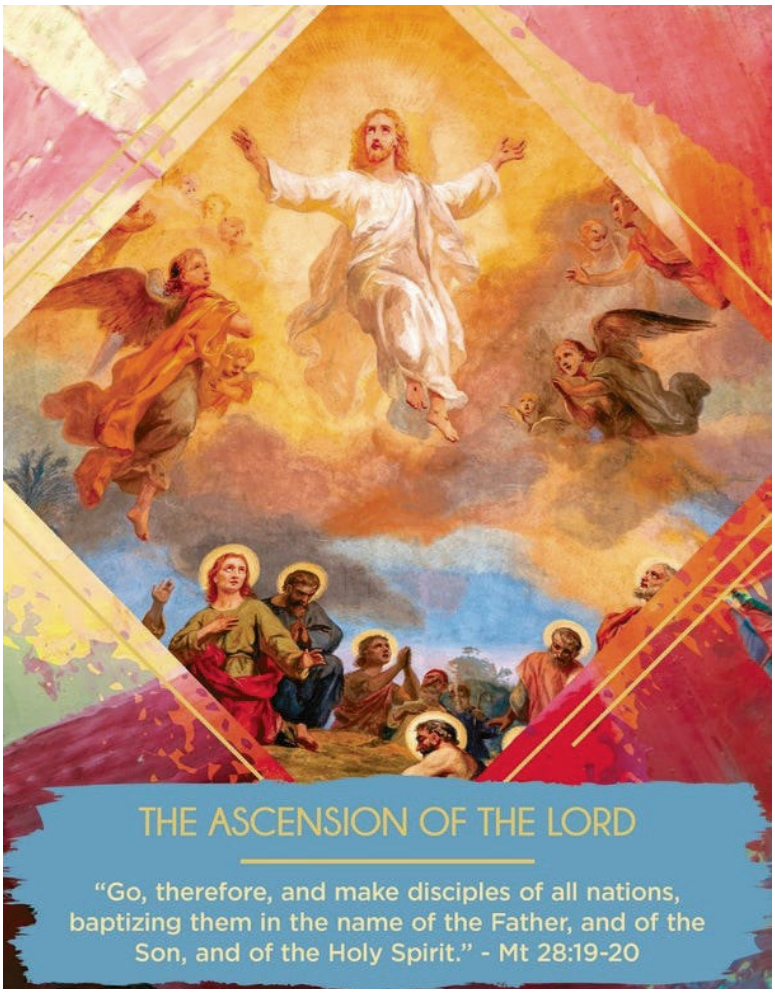
**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

**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.

# St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623
**Phone:** 608-452-3841
**Website:** stmarycv.org
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley




## Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

## May 21, 2023

*Readings: 565A*

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

*1) Acts 1:1-11; 2) Ephesians 1:17-23;*
*3) Matthew 28:16-20*

## Intentions

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| May 20 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska |
| May 21 ~ 8:00 AM - † Kylie Von Ruden |
| May 23 ~ 5:15 PM - † Woody Roningen |
| May 25 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family |
| May 27 ~ 4:00 PM - † Albina Sedevie |
| May 28 ~ 8:00 AM - † Helen and Leyton Stafslien |

## Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.
**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jun 17. Jul 2, 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20. Sep 17.
**Weekdays open:** Jun 6 & 22. Aug 1, 29, & 31. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

## Next Week in Service — May 27/28

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

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| Readers: | **Sat.** – Jeana LeJeune **Sun.** – Ryan Goodwin |
| Ushers: | **Sat. – Volunteers** **Sun. – Volunteers** |
| Money Counters: | Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler |

## Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

**Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time)** and **Thurs. from Mass until noon.**
Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand (608-606-9787)* or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.

## 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.

## Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 21** ~ HS Graduate Blessing and First Communion during Mass, Religious Education end of year celebration after Mass.
- **May 25** ~ Catechism Study Group after 8 AM Mass
- **May 27-Jun 7** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, trip to the Holy Land, **no daily Mass -** Communion Service on 5/30
- **May 27/28** ~ Welcome Msgr. Steven Kachel help-out priest for the weekend
- **May 29** ~ Memorial Day
- **May 30** ~ Communion Service by Dcn. Shay 5:15 PM
- **June 3/4** ~ Welcome Fr. Sam McCarty help-out priest for the weekend
- **June 8** ~ Catechism Study Group 8:30 AM
- **June 15** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **June 27** ~ Fr. Joe's Anniversary of Ordination (2020)
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM

**Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:**
https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

## *Inspired by the Spirit* Campaign

We prayerfully ask you to consider your pledge/contribution to the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign which includes this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Pledge weekend will be coming up in June. The funds raised will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

5 Year Goal : $105,000.00
As of May 19, 2023
Pledges received at the Diocese(7): $35,100.00
Payments received at the Diocese: $7,940.00

| Needed for the Month of May | |
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| $8,000.00 | at $2000 per week |
| $3,351.00 | Received as of week 2 |
| ($4,649.00) | Short for the Month |

| Giving Last Week | | Week 20 | 5/14/2023 |
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| Adult Env(30) | $1,095.00 | Needed Weekly | $2,000.00 |
| Offertory | $137.00 | Received This Week | $1,232.00 |
| **Total** | **$1,232.00** | Running total needed | $40,000.00 |
| | | YTD Received | $36,193.15 |
| | | Difference | (3,806.85) |

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

There's a bit of unusualness coming up over the next several weeks, so bear with me for a minute while I recap some of it here.

- **First, visiting priests**. I'll be heading out to the Holy Land for a week and a half starting next Friday. Next weekend Msgr. Steve Kachel will cover Masses (you may remember Msgr. Kachel from his stint as pastor in Viroqua or from my pastoral installation Mass, where he preached the homily and threw me under the bus), and the weekend after that Fr. Sam McCarty will be covering (you definitely know Fr. Sam from my frequent and unjustified assaults on his character). As he'll probably let you know, Msgr. Kachel took me in at the start of COVID when nobody else wanted me (his words), and he was my pastor for the first few months of my priesthood. Fr. Sam is my Mundelein classmate, a member of my priest fraternity, and a frequent Boundary Waters companion. Both great guys!

- **Second, daily liturgy schedules**. While I'm away, there will not be daily Masses at either parish (Monday through Friday), but ***Deacon Tony will lead a few Communion Services – May 30 in Coon Valley***, May 31 in Viroqua, and June 7 in Viroqua. I'll pick up with daily Masses on June 8 in Coon Valley and the schedule will be back to usual. If you have a Mass intention for one of those days, I'll still be offering Masses up according to the intention schedule in the bulletin. It'll just be in the Holy Land, not in our church.

- **Third, the Campaign general appeal weekend**. You have perhaps been getting some Campaign mailings over the last few weeks (brochures in particular). Over the last month or so I've been meeting with people one -on-one to answer questions and make more direct presentations. I haven't heard rumblings about "why didn't he meet with me?" (which I'm grateful for), but just in case there is any concern in that regard let me reassure you that I simply ran out of time, and it's not because I don't like you! I do like you. A lot. When I get back from the Holy Land we'll have a few appeal weekends to complete the fundraising portion of this effort. I'll invite you to take some time over the next few weeks to think through and pray about your contribution to what we have going on. If you'd still like to visit one-on-one we can definitely make that happen after I get back on June 8.

Alright, that's it for this weekend. God bless you all – **I'll be praying for you in our Lord's homeland!** ~Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

**HS Graduates Blessing and First Communion followed by End of Year Religious Education Celebration**
**May 21, 2023**

Our 2023 High School Graduates
**Brittney Mislivecek and Garratt Vatland**
Please pray for them as we recognize this significant achievement.

This Sunday we welcome **Dylan Wiedemann** (parents Thomas and Amy Wiedemann) to the table of the Lord as he receives the Sacrament of Communion for the first time. Please pray for him and **Emersen LeJeune** (parents Andy and Jeana LeJeune) who received his First Communion this Easter Season with his class from Sacred Heart, Cashton.

We also celebrate **Alison Fortun** (parents Jason and Carmen Fortun) who was Confirmed on May 4th by Msgr. Roger Scheckel at the Assumption of the BVM Parish in Richland Center.

**After the Mass everyone is welcome to join us in the basement to celebrate all our students.**

Thank you to the PCCW St. Rose and St. Theresa guilds for serving the food at the celebration..

**Mother's Day Weekend Rose Sale Update**

Thanks to everyone who supported the PCCW's rose sale last weekend! The sale brought in $250 for WI Right To Life!

**May the Month of Mary—Rosary**
Join us for the Rosary before the weekend masses this month in honor of our parish namesake. If you are interested in helping with this, please call or text Karen Callan 608 397-3490. Thanks! To participate be at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass.

**Looking for a way to give back? Volunteers needed**

We are seeking church members to periodically clean the church basement. There are currently four volunteer groups who take care of the church proper on a monthly basis. The basement only needs to be done about four times a year. Please leave a message at the church office or contact Clarice Kammel if interested.

**Starting a Parish Library**
The PCCW would like to start a shared "spiritual/religious" library. If you have any appropriate books that you would like to share with others please place them in the box in the back of the church. These should only be religious or spiritual books. Once we have gathered enough books they will be displayed for members to "check out" and read.

## Parish Announcements continued

**Sittin Pretty Farm Celebration – Jun 27**
On Tuesday, June 27th at Sittin Pretty Farm in Viroqua from 5 to 7 PM there will be food for sale and from 7 to 9 PM music by Spunky Bumpkins. There will also be beverages for sale. Bring lawn chairs. A few of St Mary's parishioners are going and inviting others to join us. The profits go to Chaseburg Soleburner. The address is S5990 Chamberlain Ridge Rd. Viroqua, Wis. It is 6 miles out of Viroqua on County NN. The phone number is 608-632-6325. There's sunset walks a person can do along ridgetop with views across local farm fields out in Amish pastoral. Come out and take Sittin Pretty Farms curation of old farm machinery, trucks, lily pond, permaculture gardens and rustic building designs at the woods edge. Their website is www.sittinprettyfarm.org. They also do wood-fired pizza and music on Friday nights. They do have indoor climate-controlled seating for rainy weather. Hope to see some parish families come.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

**Little Free Pantry**
The Knutson Memorial Library here in Coon Valley has a "Little Free Pantry" It is stocked with canned and boxed food, personal care items, such as toothpaste, soap and deodorant and is free to those in need in the community. The library has solely stocked it, and are now asking for your assistance. If you care to donate any items for the free pantry, please drop them off at the library. .

**Chicken-Que – May 22**
Tickets are now on sale for this spring's St. Patrick Parish of Onalaska Chicken-Que to be held Monday, May 22. Serving from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm or sold out. Meal Includes half of Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Roll. Pre-Sale tickets: $13, Day of Que tickets: $15. Meal Catered by Rooster Andy's. Tickets are available at the Church and School offices during the week. Group or Business Lunch Orders Delivered: Call Mike Carney at 608-385-8380 or email at carney8mc@gmail.com.

**Sacred Music Concert - May 28**
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, is presenting a concert of Sacred Music, May 28th, in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The concert will be representative of multiple periods of music, various instruments, and vocal talent. Learn more and stay up to date with events at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

**5 Day Youth Choir Camp - Jun 19-23**
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18) June 19-23, 2023, 9:15am - Noon . Many elements of music will be studied each day. The entire group will come together twice each day, singing things they've learned, and will also sing for the 12:15pm Mass in the Shrine Church each of the five days.

## Activity Corner

***Feast of the Ascension***
***May 18th or May 21st, 2023***

A G B O C D D M E O F U G N H T H S J H K
I L S M T N H O R P O Q N R E S T T O U S
V H W O X U Y T Z S A O B F C J D O E Y F

What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension?
Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

G___ _____ ___
_____ ___ _____
__ ___!

Answer: God mounts his throne to mounts of joy!

**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE**
Follow the QR code or visit:
https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting/

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- The intentions listed in our parish Book of Prayer.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net