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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses (NEW TIMES):

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

Weekday Mass:

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

Area Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

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

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>

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>

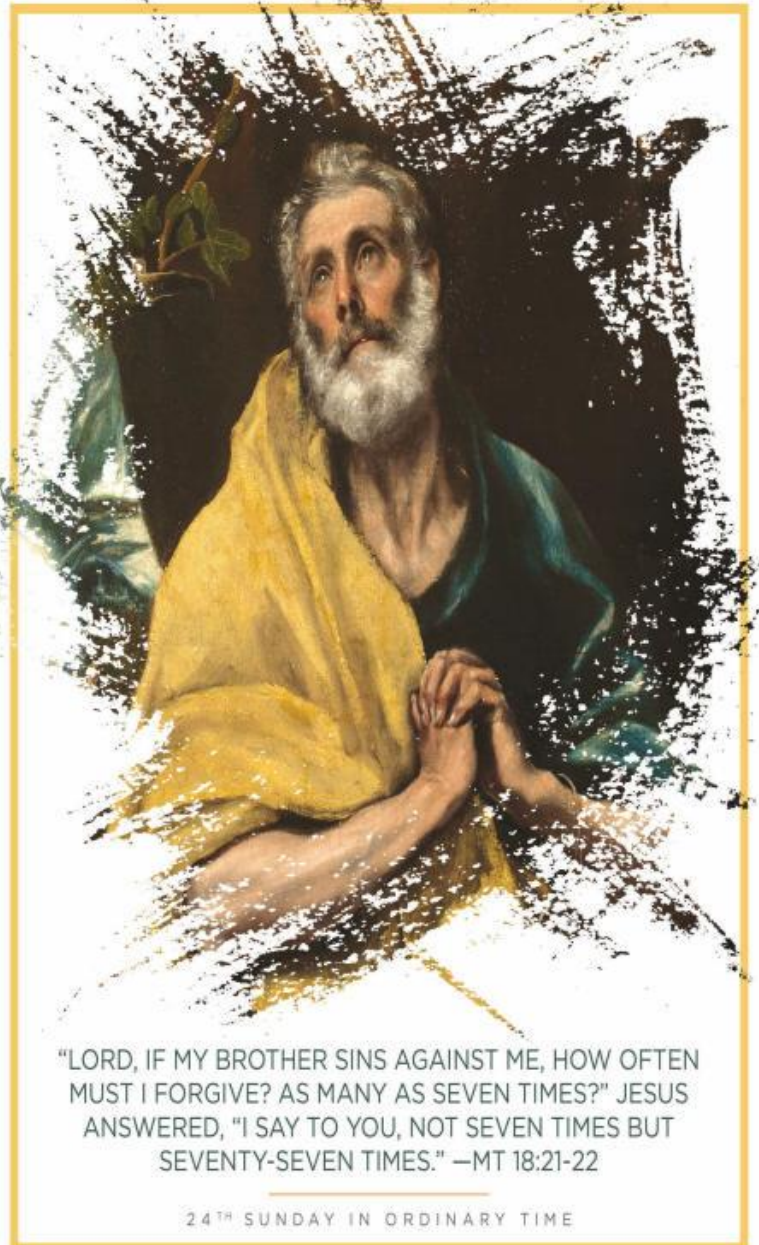
Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND frmatmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

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.



Fr. Matthew Marshall
Pastor
September 13, 2020

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- 1) Sirach 27:30–28:7
- 2) Romans 14:7-9
- 3) Matthew 18:21-35

FOCUS: Forgiveness is a choice that leads to life.

Life always offers us choices – will we hold onto anger or choose to forgive? Will we live with a spirit of compassion or withhold mercy? Will we hold on to hurts and grievances or extend a hand in peace? Living out the commands of God is no easy task, but if we show mercy and forgiveness to others, we are assured of the same from our heavenly Father.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sirach tells the people, *Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.* Thus, they are to forgive their neighbor as they wish to be forgiven by the Lord. Paul tells the Romans, *None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord.* In the Gospel, Jesus answers Peter's question of how often he must forgive by telling him the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Intentions

Sep 12 ~ 4:00 PM - †Joseph Sedevie
Sep 13 ~ 8:00 AM - †Gavin Williams
Sep 15 ~ 6:00 PM - Our Parish Family
Sep 17 ~ 8:00 AM - †Deceased members of the Prindle and Duda Families
Sep 19 ~ 4:00 PM - †Chester and Nancy Herubin
Sep 20 ~ 8:00 AM - †Kylie Von Ruden

Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

	Sat., Sep 19 4:00 PM	Sun., Sep 20 8:00 AM
Servers:		
Reader (s):	Volunteer	Volunteer
Communion Minister (s):	Volunteer	Volunteer
Ushers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler	
Altar Server sign up at:		

"Two Brothers"
by Ramon Samson



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **September 20, 2020** 11:30 AM to 2 PM Food Drive in the St. Mary's Parking Lot.
- **October 18, 2020** 11:30 AM to 2 PM Food Drive in the St. Mary's Parking Lot.
- 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 Noon to 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)

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Giving Last Week		Week 36	9/6/2020
Adult Env.(21)	\$910.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$505.00	Received This Week	\$1,568.50
Assumption (1)	\$20.00	Run. Tot. Needed	\$68,400.00
Votive Candles	\$133.50	YTD Received	\$63,823.14
Total	\$1568.50	Difference	(4,576.86)

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.

Parish Announcements

Daily Reflections for Advent –Your input is needed!

Please contact Fr. Matt if you are interested in helping prepare a daily reflection booklet for Advent. Fr. Matt would like to write, along with parishioners, a brief paragraph long reflection for each day of the season. Call the parish office or e-mail Fr. Matt for more info.

Contribution Envelopes

With Fr. Matt now serving both Coon Valley and Viroqua you may use your contribution envelope at either church and it will reach and be counted at your home Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

Food Drive

We will have another food drive September 20, 11:30A – 2:00P in the St. Mary's, Coon Valley, parking lot. Food pantry for Westby Coon Prairie's backpack program. This program provides meals to send home with students for the weekend. It is an important ministry to help support families who are experiencing food insecurity. Items to donate: Anything easy to transport & prepare, such as canned soups, crackers, veggies, Mac & Cheese and as always, money appreciated.



Religious Education

There has been much discussion on how to proceed with the upcoming school year. Please look for a letter in the next few weeks with updates and registration information. Expect a delayed start to the program. We are looking at various options for this year, from virtual and at home learning to socially distancing during in person classes. Please be patient with us as we navigate the beginning of the school year with the care and concern for our students and teachers.



Thank You

To the people at St. Mary Parish,

The food pantry at the Butikk would like to thank you for your recent collection. We will be able to assist many people with your gift.

The Bethel Butikk and Food Pantry

Parish Financial Support Options

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- 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 (a 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

Staying Connected

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- 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).**

Diocesan/Local Announcements

MMOC Chicken Q

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 17, from 11:00 - 5:30 for pick up 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 and no delivery charge.

St. Joseph Ridge Parish Chicken Q

St. Joseph Ridge Parish, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse will be hosting a drive-through Chicken Q on Sunday, September 27th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM or until sold out. \$10 per meal includes charcoal grilled chicken 1/2, potato salad, baked beans and a dinner roll. Ensure your meal by pre ordering, contact our ticket sales coordinators Stan Clements (780-7710), Ann Degenhardt (452-3646) or Mary Jo Hess (788-1768) or the parish office 608-788-1646, or purchase at the St. Joseph Ridge church after Mass on Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday morning 8:30 AM.

St. Peter's Kurbside Kraut and Sausage Drive Thru

53rd Annual Sauerkraut Supper is different this year. Due to health and safety concerns for workers and patrons there will not be a traditional sit-down supper this year. This year the alternative a polish sausage on a bun with church made sauerkraut, only \$5 each on Wednesday, October 14 from 3:30-7 PM or until sold out. Containers of raw kraut available for additional \$5. On-line advance ordering will be available, visit <http://saintpetersparish.net/>

Registration is open for Divorce Recovery (in-person gathering)

One of the first groups that will meet in person is **Divorce Recovery**. We'll meet for eight Tuesday evenings, starting September 22. All are welcome. Please note: We will follow current health recommendations regarding distancing and masks. To register and for more information go to: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=20SDY05127>

Racism and the Coulee Region:

A Community Dialogue Series (via Zoom)

September 22 (Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.): Guest presenter Walfsty

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Pierre, local outpatient therapist, will address the topic: Mental Health and Collective Trauma in the Black Community. https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/?p=101:2:12465240025931:::PROGRAM_ID:5101

Investment: \$7. If cost is a barrier to participating, please call 608-791-5295 to make a confidential request to have the registration fee waived.

Resources for Seniors:

There is a new service for advising seniors. Please visit this website <https://www.senioradvice.com/assisted-living> insert your zip code and find valuable information related to senior assisted living.

Week of Sept. 13 Readings

Monday 14 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Numbers 21:4-9

This strange, magical story has several layers. One layer is symbolic: snakes stand for life and death; another layer is therapeutic: when we face what harms us we diminish its hold over us. The imagery is taken up explicitly in the Gospel for the feast.

Philippians 2:6-11 - You may have wondered where did Paul get all his knowledge and understanding. Partly from already existing traditions. In our reading, he quotes at length an early Christian hymn celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection, the "great events that gave us new life in Christ."

John 3:13-17 - In our reading, the notion of "lifting up" looks backwards and forwards. Backwards: to the story we had in the first reading. Forwards, to Jesus' own lifting up in death and into resurrection, so that we might have life in him. By his facing death, we are healed of its power and even of the fear of death itself.

Tuesday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31

Divisions and factions are "normal" in the Christian community; this does not mean we should accept them as normative! All the gifts are needed, to make the community a living body.

Luke 7:11-17 - You will notice the echoes of Elijah raising the widow's son — all part of Luke's portrait of Jesus as prophet *par excellence*.

Wednesday 16 September

Sts Cornelius and Cyprian, bishops and martyrs - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:1

Our reading today is a Pauline tour-de-force in praise of love. It is often called a hymn to love and it is poetry. At the same time, we know that the core is profoundly true, reflecting what we know in our heart of hearts.

Luke 7:31-35 - The tone of irritation may irritate (!) but it is perfectly understandable that Jesus might occasionally be just fed up with unstable expectations. It happens to us all!

Thursday 17 September

St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, religious, doctor 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Every Christian in Corinth believed Jesus was raised from the dead. Some of them, however, did not believe the dead would rise in Christ. Paul sets about persuading them, by first reminding them of the tradition they received, in which they stand.

Week of August 30th Readings con'd

Luke 7:36-50 - Telling a story within a story can be very powerful. Jesus' little "parable" of the debtor is hardly rocket science but in the context is immensely powerful. (It may be useful to repeat that the woman in question is not Mary Magdalen, contrary to popular tradition and writing.)

Friday 18 September

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 - Paul's argument calls for careful listening. In effect he is saying, if you say there is not resurrection at all, be careful because that will include Jesus! The arguments here are all logical and powerful.

Luke 8:1-3 - Today's very short reading is immensely significant. It is rare to see the women who accompanied Jesus given a profile. Mary Magdalene we know, of course, but the other figures remain a bit of mystery.

Saturday 22 September

St Januarius, bishop and martyr

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 - Paul affirms that Jesus is risen—so there has been at least one resurrection. He goes on to tackle the block experienced by some Corinthians who cannot picture the transformed and resurrected body. By series of images, he shows that "body" can mean a wide variety of things. By the comparison with Adam, he shows how Jesus' resurrection is God's future for us all as "descendants" of the one progenitor. Amen.

Luke 8:4-15 - Today we hear the original parable of the sower and a later, church interpretation. They have different focuses. The original parable is about surprising, even astonishing abundance. The interpretation resembles a moral personality test: we all wonder which one is "me"?

KIDS CORNER

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?

Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!

