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The Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2020

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

Local Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

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

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

- 1) Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Matthew 2:1-12

FOCUS: Jesus is the Savior born for all.
 Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all – as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others – that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an *epiphany*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
 Isaiah prophesies that a light has come to Jerusalem, while darkness covers the earth. All will come to the city *bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord*. Paul tells the Ephesians that Gentiles are coheirs of God, along with the people of Israel. In the Gospel, magi arrive in Jerusalem from the east in search of the *newborn king of the Jews*. Herod is troubled by this, and the magi visit Mary and her child and offer gifts.

Giving Last Week		Week 52	12/29/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$800.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$352.00	Received This Week	\$1,152.00
Total	<u>\$1,152.00</u>	YTD Needed	\$83,700.00
		YTD Received	\$87,032.60
30 Envelopes		Difference	3,332.60
Received			

Mass Intentions
<p>We have the following dates available for the next few months: Jan. 17, 21, 22, 24, 28, & 31. Feb. 4, 8, 14, 18, 19, 22, 25, 28, & 29.</p> <p>Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.</p>
Jan. 04 - 4:00 PM ~ †William, Frank and Dennis LeJeune
Jan. 05 - 9:15 AM ~ †Eric "Rick" Logemann
Jan. 07 - 6:00 PM ~ Our Parish Family
Jan. 08 - 8:00 AM ~ †Ronald Hammes
Jan. 10 - 8:00 AM ~ †Alex and Rose Roskos
Jan. 11 - 4:00 PM ~ †Ed Denning
Jan. 12 - 9:15 AM ~ †Allen and Mercedes Christen

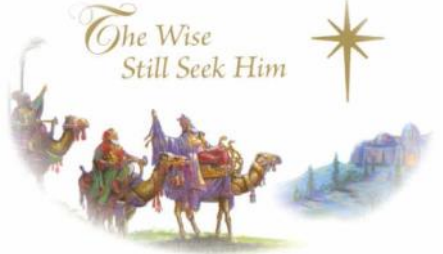
Home Blessing

It is a very old tradition in the Church to bless one's home on the feast of the Epiphany. As we remember the mutual hospitality offered by and given to the the 3 Magi we also ask for the blessing of God to accompany all who enter our doors... ourselves included! The blessing includes drawing with chalk over the front door of your home. The three letters represent the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. These letters are also a prayer of blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "Christ bless our home." Here's a form you can use for blessing your homes this year!

 (Sign of the Cross)
 The Wise Men Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star from God who became one of us at Christmas. May Jesus bless our home and remain with us throughout this whole new year. Amen.

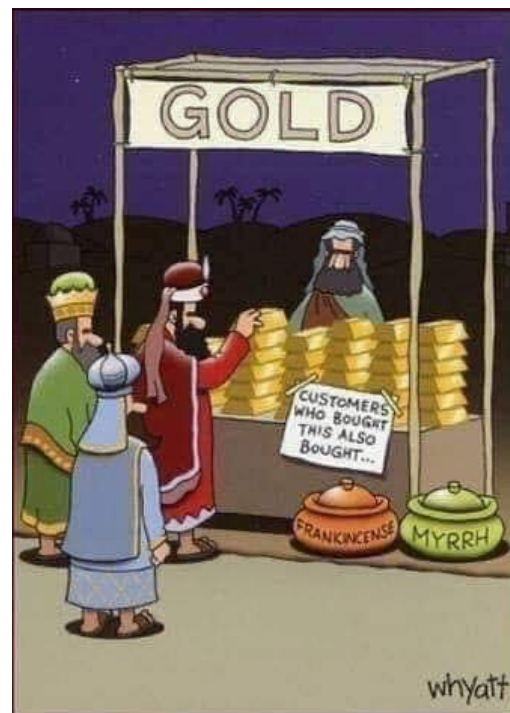
(Now trace this above your door on the frame:
 20 + C + M + B + 20)
 (Now read Lk 1: 46 - 55 OR pray the Our Father)

Lord, visit our home and fill it with your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with peace, and help us show your love to each other. The Three Magi presented their gifts to you in praise, may we use our gifts this year for love of you and our neighbors. We ask this through Christ. Amen
 (Sign of the Cross)



Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you		
	Sat., Jan. 11 4:00 PM	Sun., Jan. 12 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Reader (s):	Robert Kerska	Tracy Brown
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Gajewski	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Mark Boland and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Caroline Tiedeman and Pat Kammel	

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Jan. 5 to Jan. 11	All Week	National Migration Week 2020
Jan. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12		NO Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12* Updated	After Mass	Coffee and Donut Fellowship —all are welcome to join us downstairs, including new or visiting parishioners
Jan. 19	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting
Jan. 26	After Mass	Religious Education Classes



Parish Announcements

Donut Sunday—January 12th

Please join us after Mass next Sunday for donuts and coffee. We hope to offer this hospitality now and again to help us get to know one another better, especially newer parishioners. No offering is expected. Just come and enjoy!

WI Right To Life Signature Ad

We invite you to join other prolife members of our community in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life. This annual signature ad commemorating all the precious lives lost to abortion will be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday, January 19th. If you would like to be included in the ad, please add your name to the clipboard in back of church. The ad costs close to \$4000 so, if you are able, please donate \$3 per name or \$5 per family. **The last weekend to signup is Jan. 4/5, with final date being January 8th.**

CV Lions Food Pantry Drive

The collection for the Coon Valley Lion's Food Pantry Drive, benefiting the Vernon County Food Pantry totaled \$577.00!!! This will enable them to buy over \$10,000.00 worth of food!!!! Thanks to all that contributed and we will try and exceed that amount next year!

New Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Altar servers signup online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4>

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Annual Appeal 2019-2020

As of 01/03/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$8,350.00	\$9,975.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Under Target	(\$3,405.00)	(\$1,780.00)
Percent Pledged: 84.86%, Percent Received: 79.75%		
Number Contributing:	30	

Thank you all who have donated thus far. We are on you way! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online>, under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.

Remembering Migrants Week (Jan. 5-11, 2020)

This week, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year's celebration is "Promoting a Church and a World for All," which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all our brothers and sisters. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized.

The four verbs used by **Pope Francis** to frame obligations toward migrant populations include:

WELCOMING means, above all "offering broader options for migrants and refugees to enter destination countries safely and legally."

PROTECTING migrants "may be understood as a series of steps intended to defend the rights and dignity of migrants, independent of their legal status."

PROMOTING essentially means a "determined effort to ensure that all migrants and refugees—as well as the communities which welcome them—are empowered to achieve their potential as human being, in all the dimensions which constitute their humanity."

INTEGRATING emphasizes the "opportunities for intercultural enrichment brought about by the presence of migrants and refugees."



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Diocesan/Local Announcements

Lectio Eucharist Study Group

During the season of Lent 2020 the Diocese of La Crosse is encouraging as many parishes as possible to offer a study entitled "Lectio Eucharist." It is a 10-session course that explores Sacred Scripture, history and the Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the miracle of the Holy Eucharist. They would like to see it offered at our parish along with St. Peter's. The course is offered at several parishes in La Crosse at various times. Classes will begin the week of January 26 and conclude by Holy Week. These are powerful courses to deepen your knowledge of our faith. You are always welcome to attend at any of the parishes. Parishes offering the course are St. James, Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick's, Holy Trinity, Mary Mother of the Church, Newman Center, and Cathedral and possibly St. Joseph Ridge Parish. See the flyers and registration information in the back of church.

March for Life!

Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah. See www.dioclc.org/respect-life for more information

Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020

Major diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. Visit www.dioclc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/ for information and online registration.

The movie *Unplanned* will be shown at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse on Wednesday, 1.15.2020, at 6:30 PM. This will be a free showing with donations accepted to Pro-Life Wisconsin. Discussion led by Deacon

David Allen and Marie Allen afterward, and copies of the movie will be available. Contact Marie Allen with questions: 608-784-5189.

Legion Spaghetti Dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Legion on Sunday, January 12th, with the proceeds going toward repair of the Coon Creek Veterans Memorial that was damaged in the 2018 flooding. See the poster in back of church for more details.

Aquinas Catholic Schools Open House

Dates:

Aquinas High School - Monday, January 13th - 6:00 P.M.

(All Grades 9th-12th)

Aquinas Middle School - Wednesday, January 15th - 6:00 P.M.

(All Grades 7th-8th)

St. Patrick Elementary School - Sunday, January 26th (after Mass) - 8:00 A.M.

-Noon & Thursday, February 6th - 6:00 P.M. & Friday, February 7th 1:00 P.M.

(All Grades 3P-6th)

Cathedral Elementary School - Tuesday, February 4th - 6:00 P.M. & Wednesday, February 5th - 1:00 P.M. (All Grades 3P-2nd)

Shadow Day Opportunities

Want to experience a day in the life of an Aquinas Catholic Schools student? Sign up to shadow on January 17th, January 21st, February 28th, March 9th, or any day that works best for your family's schedule. Visit: <https://www.aquinaschools.org/visit-our-schools> Please call 608.784.8585 for additional information or to sign up for a shadow day via phone.

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).



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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19
La Crosse - Sunday:
9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) -
Sunday: 7 AM & 11
AM Daily: 7 AM &
6 PM

Catholic

Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic
Cable Television
Vernon Telephone
Cable - Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15
- Coon Valley
Chan 74 - La Crosse
also available via
satellite

Natural Family Planning:

Information on
natural family
planning can be
obtained by calling
715-235-6226 or
visiting the web site
at nfp@dioclc.org

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.

- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).