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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>

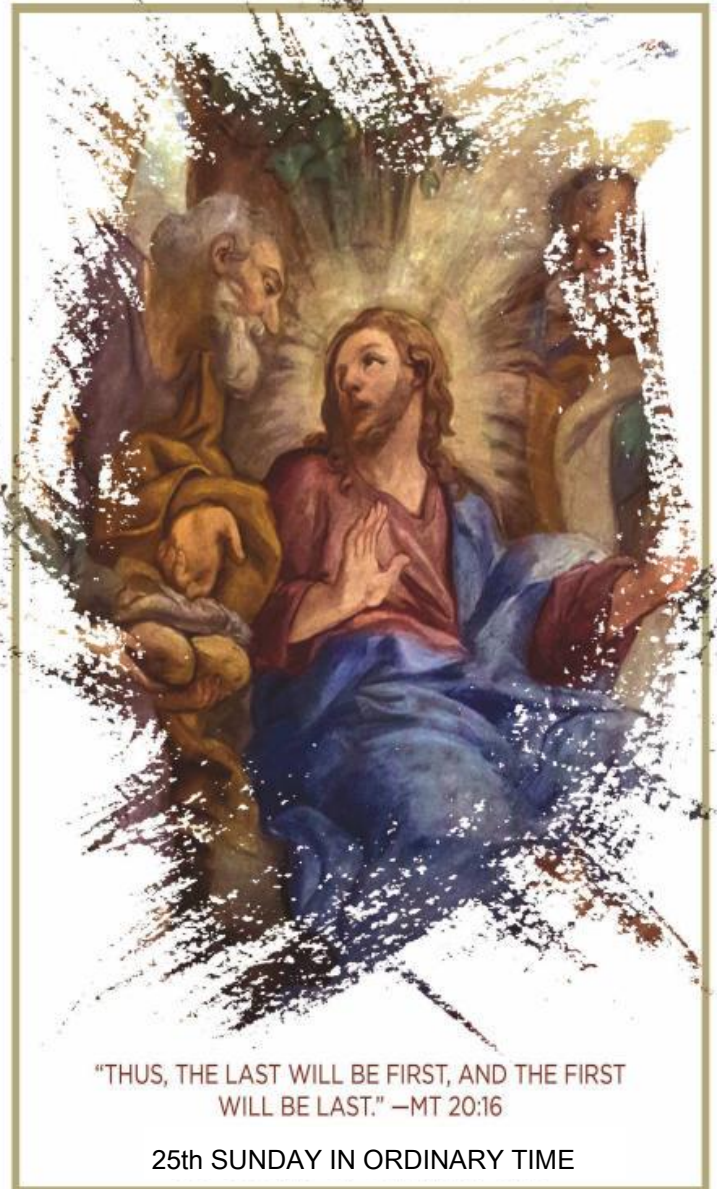
Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND frmatmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

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 20, 2020

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

- 1) Isaiah 55:6-9
- 2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
- 3) Matthew 20:1-16a

FOCUS: God's love and mercy are never-ending.

Isaiah advises us to *seek the Lord*, an activity we might think of as being complete as soon as we come to believe in him. But really, this is an invitation to grace – a grace that is constant, always available, and generous in its forgiveness. It is a promise of deep and perpetual care by a God who is completely different from us in his thoughts and ways, and yet never-ending in his love and mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah encourages his people to *seek the Lord* and ask for his mercy – God whose thoughts are so far above their own. Saint Paul tells the Philippians that *Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death*. And though Paul longs to be with Jesus in the next life, it is better that he remains with them. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about workers in a vineyard, emphasizing the generosity of the landowner to all who labored.

Intentions

Sep 19 ~ 4:00 PM - †Chester and Nancy Herubin
Sep 20 ~ 8:00 AM - †Kylie Von Ruden
Sep 22 ~ 6:00 PM - †William, Frank and Dennis LeJeune
Sep 24 ~ 8:00 AM - †Richard and Cathy Kerska
Sep 26 ~ 4:00 PM - †Chuck Bruggen
Sep 27 ~ 8:00 AM - †Sylvester Dowiasch

Next Week in Service

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

	Sat., Sep 26 4:00 PM	Sun., Sep 27 8:00 AM
Servers:		
Reader (s):	Volunteer	Volunteer
Communion Minister (s):	Volunteer	Volunteer
Ushers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg	
Altar Server sign up at:		

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **September 20** - 11:30 AM to 2 PM Food Drive in the St. Mary's Parking Lot.
- **September 23** - Rural Life Day, a day of thanksgiving for blessings received.
- **October 7** - 7:00 PM Rosary with St. Mary Parishioners online via Jitsi
- **October 11** - RE Class for grades K-4 after Mass
- **October 18** - RE Class for grades 5-10 after Mass
- **October 18** - 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 37	9/13/2020
Adult Env.(31)	\$4,054.25	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$45.00	Received This Week	\$4,109.00
Assumption (1)	\$10.00	Run. Tot. Needed	\$70,300.00
Total	\$4,109.25	YTD Received	\$67,932.14
		Difference	(2,367.86)

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.

From Fr. Matt

Who, Me? Yes, You!

On Monday we celebrate the feast day of St. Matthew. Since he and I share a name, he has always been a hero of mine. But his story has something for us all to remember, be you a Matthew or not! It's beautifully illustrated here by this painting by Caravaggio.

The Calling of Saint Matthew

Italian: *Vocazione di San Matteo*

By [Caravaggio](#)



For the longest time I always thought that Matt was the man with the pointing finger. Maybe like he was pointing at himself with surprise! *Who, me?* That's definitely one way to read it. But a professor in theology pointed out a different way too. What if he is pointing at that seemingly, totally disinterested guy on his left. Yeah, the one just looking glumly at the table top! *Who, him?* That might be the case too. Either way, breaking in (like the light in the painting) is Jesus. He's calling. He believes Matt has something to offer. Even if he doesn't believe in himself, even if others don't either.

It's interesting to consider this moment in the light of the other two Gospels. We believe that Matt, like Peter, was not his original name. That's common in other cultures, receiving new names at many times in life. In the Hmong community I know a man with three names. And we kind of do the same at Confirmation still. The Gospels of Mark and Luke talk about Jesus calling a man by the name of Levi who sounds a lot like the man we have come to know as Matt. I doubt an accident. Maybe Jesus gave Matt a new name too. Maybe the community did. Or maybe Matt renamed himself, like Paul would do years later when he converted. I wonder if that might be it. 'Cause you know what *Matt* means, right? Kind of a double meaning: *gift from God* AND *gift for God*. Boy, that really does describe it. That moment up above...the call. People would come to understand that there was a lot more to Matt than met the eye. He would come to see that about himself too. But Jesus already knew.

That's my prayer for us. God help us to understand what is already clear to God. We have a lot to offer. All people are a gift.

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 this Sunday, 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.

Join your fellow parishioners to say the Rosary

The rosary will be said online by St. Mary's parishioners during the month of October on Wednesdays at 7PM. Everyone is invited to join the group. More information will follow on what platform will be used.

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).

Religious Education

Letter and registration information will be in your mailbox next week. If you do not receive it by the end of September please contact Fr. Matt at frmattmarshall@gmail.com. If you are not a registered family, please let Fr. Matt know so we may send you the necessary RE materials. Classes will meet once a month with grades K-4 one weekend and Grades 5-10 the following weekend (this is to ensure we have proper space for social distancing), with at home learning the remainder of the time. Please be patient with us as we navigate the school year with the care and concern for our students and teachers.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

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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>

Coming to Know more about our Spiritual Father, St. Joseph

During this important year of St. Joseph, we have the opportunity to come to know more about our spiritual father through a compelling book entitled Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church and the Terror of Demons. We need his father protection during these challenging times. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit <https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/> for information. For further assistance, including a list of suggested discussion questions, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org or Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q

Thursday, October 8, Serving 11:00 a.m. until gone. Drive through and delivery only - No Bake Sale - 1/2 Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans, Roll. Cost \$10. Pre-Sale orders preferred - Tickets available at the Rectory from 9:00-3:00 Monday through Friday. Chicken-Q Phone 608-406-5339

Promoting Peaceful Relationships at Home Webinar:

October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm CDT. Catholics for Family and Peace will be conducting a free webinar for Catholic

leaders, catechists, parishioners, parents on how to promote peace in the home—a relevant topic for these times when so much of our lives is taking place at home. To register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/promoting-peaceful-relationships-at-home-tickets-119489717963>

Catholic Charities – the Heart and Hands of Jesus Christ to Those in Need Whether it is serving the homeless and others in need in the Diocese of La Crosse, or offering assistance to those in the southeast affected by Hurricane Laura, Catholic Charities responds with material assistance and the love of Jesus Christ. To learn more and to volunteer or to make a donation, visit cclse.org.

First Saturday Devotions

First Saturday Devotions have started again at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us on Saturday, October 3rd, in the Shrine Church, at 11:15 a.m. for a meditation on the Holy Rosary followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m., and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass.

KIDS CORNER

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

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Like Saint Paul, we should be ready to either live or die for

_____ .
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Week of Sept. 20th Readings

Monday 21 September

St Matthew, apostle and evangelist

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

The readings are special for the feast. The first one from Ephesians reminds us of the variety of gifts needed in the community of faith, including the gift of teaching and writing.

Matthew 9:9-13

It is historically unlikely that the Matthew of this story was the author of the Gospel. Nevertheless, the story does go to the heart of the proclamation of Jesus, a proclamation of compassion, just as challenging today as in Jesus' day.

Tuesday 22 September

Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13

Today, we hear a series of proverbs offering wisdom coming from reflection upon experience. Any one proverb would merit reflection and perhaps there is one that speaks to you today.

Luke 8:19-21

It is interesting that Luke, who has the fullest portrait of Mary, should include this intriguing passage.

Wednesday 23 September

St Padre Pio

Proverbs 30:5-9

The prayer included in this reading is a surprise, but the reasons given are good. It comes down to moderation or, as a friend puts it, an "elegant sufficiency"!!

Luke 9:1-6

The Twelve are empowered to do *exactly what Jesus did*. Just like him, they are to depend on the providence of God and the kindness of strangers. Shaking off the dust is a prophetic gesture of judgement and rejection (cf. Luke 10:11; Acts 13:51; 18:6).

Thursday 24 July

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

For the next three days, we hear from the book of Ecclesiastes. When read as a whole, it is a surprise to find this book in our Bible, because it is so pessimistic. Our reading today captures that in a reflection upon vanity of vanities. Remember, however, that vanity here does not mean self-regard (cf. selfies!) but rather futility / emptiness. The opening words could be well translated as "futility of futilities" or "the most futile."

Luke 9:7-9

Herod, who is more curious about than really interested in Jesus, uses the various categories for understanding Jesus.

Friday 25 September

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

This reading is sometimes chosen for funerals and you can see why. The wisdom within is somewhat static: this is just how things are and we must accept it.

Luke 9:18-22

The disciples repeat the common opinion, as we heard yesterday. But Jesus challenges them (and us) directly to go deeper.

Saturday 26 September

Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8

Our final reading from Ecclesiastes is a poem...but about what? If you listen carefully, you will see it is about the dilapidation of old age. For instance, the strong men are our legs and the women who grind are our teeth. And so on. The end of life is captured marvelously "before the silver cord has snapped, or the golden lamp been broken, or the pitcher shattered at the spring, or the pulley cracked at the well."

Even though Ecclesiastes can be emotionally reserved, there is a pathos for the human condition in this poem.

Luke 9:43-45

Suffering is always bewildering, so the reaction of the disciples in this passage is perfectly understandable.

