



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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September 13, 2026 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 647A

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www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm

24th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“I do not say
to you seven times,
but *seventy-seven*
times.”

Matthew 18:22

FORGIVE † HEAL † LIVE IN MERCY

A MORE COMPASSIONATE WORLD BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
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Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve
Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
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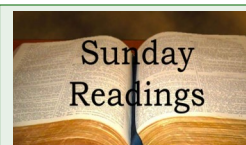
Fr. Joe also serving:

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 12:10 pm



September 13, 2026

1) Sirach 27:30-28:7

2) Romans 14:7-9

3) Matthew 18:21-35

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 12

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass - † Cole James Berra

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, September 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass † Gavin Williams

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

- Adoration 4:30 PM

- 5:15 PM Mass - For the young people of our parishes: that they may courageously discern and follow God's call to the priesthood and religious life

THURSDAY, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Hildegard of Bingen

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

SATURDAY, September 19

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass † Art and Evelyn Gajewski

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, September 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass - For the People

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sep 13 ~ Religious Education Parent Information and Registration** after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
~ **St Mary and ABVM Parish Joint Picnic** in Esofea Park at 4:00 PM bring a dish to pass
- **Sep 14 ~ PCCW Meeting** 5:30 PM in church basement
- **Sep 15 ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group** in Cashton at Sacred Heart 9:30-11 AM
- **Sep 15 ~ Finance Council Meeting** 5:45 PM
- **Sep 16 ~ A Table Together Meal** (meatball meal) 5-7PM at C V Lutheran served by Valley Fudge & Candy
- **Sept 20 - Parish Social** served by St. Rose Guild
- **Sep 29 ~ Healing the Whole Person** in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Oct 1 ~ Advanced Care Planning** from 3-4:30 PM in our church hall
- **Oct 4 ~ Family Faith Formation Programming** for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 6 ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group** our church hall from 9:30AM-12 PM
~ **Healing the Whole Person** in Viroqua from 6:30-8PM

Save the Date!

Pancake Breakfast

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th
7:30 AM – NOON
(or until sold out)

Please pick up your special contribution envelope this weekend to help support the Pancake Breakfast!

Please post the flyer included in today's bulletin.



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$1,234.00 Received as of week 1

(\$6,766.00) Difference for the Month

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, and 25. Nov 14, 15, 21 or 22, 28 & 29.

Open Weekdays: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and 29. Nov 3, 5, 17, 19, 24, and 26.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of August 15, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$91,580.00

THANK YOU!



A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Giving Last Week

Giving Last Week		9/6/2026	
Adult Env	\$900.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	334.00	Received This Week	\$1,234.00
Total	\$1,234.00	Total needed	\$72,000.00
		YTD Received	\$69,457.68
		Difference	(2,542.32)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

First, some business. I've mentioned over the last few weeks that we've got an exciting change coming this Sunday, with the beginning of Fr. Derek Sakowski's residence in Coon Valley! A month or two ago, Fr. Derek floated past me the idea of living here as his work shifts more to the institutional side of things at the Diocese. Without any judgment toward the priests living at the Center, I understand Fr. Sakowski's desire to live in a local parish – when my turn at the Diocese comes I imagine I'll have a similar desire. Anyway, I am simply excited that we're going to have another priest in our community here. Fr. Sakowski is not assigned to our parishes (that is, he's not given ministerial responsibility), but it's going to be a gift to me and to our people in Viroqua and Coon Valley to have him present and to have that rectory well used. Please welcome him well, as I know you will, and also his Good Boy Stuart (a collie/Lassie), whom I have dog-sat and enjoy immensely.

Now a quick word on an encouraging, challenging passage from St. Paul this last Friday. We've been spending a lot of time in our daily Masses the last few weeks with his first letter to the Corinthians, and in last Friday's reading from Chapter 9 Paul is opening up his compelling, almost compulsive need to preach the Gospel: "If I preach the Gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" This is certainly built into Paul, this inexorable, unstoppable quality – he's the kind of guy who wouldn't know what to do with a half-measure if it hit him in the face. Even before his conversion, what is Paul (Saul) doing? With his whole self, with his whole energy and wit and fervor he's going out on mission to hunt down those Christian upstarts and stand up for the Jewish community. Of course, he has this powerful encounter with Jesus that redirects his energy – Jesus doesn't change Paul's personality or motivation or zeal, He redirects it to the good.

Anyway, "woe to me if I do not preach it!" We need more of this awareness of the significance of Christ's mission, His commissioning of the Church to "go make disciples of all nations." Christianity has never been a matter of passive reception, of showing up, clocking in, clocking out. The Gospel, the Good News of new life in Jesus Christ, is something the Lord desires for each and every one of His people, an all-encompassing awareness, reception, and carrying of His immense love. In the Gospels, Jesus never intended for his disciples simply to receive – He drew them in and coached them up in order to send them out. Indeed even before He returns to the Father at the end of those four Stories He had already begun commissioning them, first to go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel (think there of our own fallen away/disinterested brothers and sisters), then finally to the whole world (think there of the work of overt evangelization). The Lord gives us a challenging mission to receive His grace and life and to carry it out with us. Praise God for the way He draws us into this work right alongside Him – we don't even need the zeal of Paul or the deep study of Peter (who spent three years of his life walking and living with the Master Himself), we simply need to listen for the Lord's "go here, to this person."

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



We look forward to working together as a parish family to help them grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Please contact Pat Obernberger, *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Activities Coordinator*, by email at cre@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org if you have questions or Bridget Goodwin, *St Mary Parish Coordinator of Religious Education* at stmarycvformation@gmail.com

Joint St. Mary/ABVM Parishes Picnic Sunday, September 13 - 4:00 PM

Coon Valley and Viroqua will meet in the middle for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and good old-fashioned fun at the **Esofea Park Shelter**, located off County Road B.

⇒ **Please bring:** a potluck dish, side, or dessert to share, along with an appropriate serving utensil; your favorite beverages; camp chairs for gathering around the fire; bug spray, if desired

⇒ **Provided:** Pulled pork, hot dogs, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and all the fixings for s'mores!

Come join together for good food, fellowship, and an opportunity to build community with our neighbors from both parishes!

Ladies Vote for your choice of pew fabric!

Our PCCW members are planning to have our church pews reupholstered later this year. It is now time to pick the fabric that will be used.



Samples of fabric choices to be used are available on the last pew in the back of the church for PCCW members to look at and place their vote for their 1st and 2nd choice. Be sure to consider how the fabric will look with the carpet, pews, and church interior walls. **Voting will be open until September 13** and then a decision on which to use will be decided upon. **Voting is available to all the adult ladies of the parish.**

Gathered in Grace Mom Group

Gathered in Grace is a local mom group that will focus on spiritual growth through discussion, prayer and plenty of coffee. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11AM starting on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton. The meetings will be rotating between local parishes and will be here on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in October. Children are welcome. While there will be no childcare, we will provide toys and snacks to keep children entertained during our get-togethers. There is no commitment so feel free to attend the weeks and locations you are able. Use the QR code to join the GroupMe group for more information or feel free to call/text Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546 or Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706.



Parish Announcements *continued*



Unable to QR, the registration link can also be found on St. Mary's Facebook Page event or enter/follow the link below
<https://forms.gle/WkdeyqpkpbGmfHJ79>

Advance Care Planning Workshops

If you could not speak for yourself, who would you want to make medical decisions for you? What would you want this person to know about your healthcare goals and values? Life is so unpredictable. We never know when an illness or injury will occur. That is why it is extremely important to plan and write your wishes down.

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows you to designate a person to make your healthcare decisions, only if you cannot make them yourself! It allows you to include specific medical treatment options and instructions for your end-of-life care. In collaboration, St. Mary's and The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches will host two free Advance Care Planning Workshops. These workshops will also address Catholic beliefs and assist you in updating or creating your own Advance Care Plan.

Date: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Time: 3-5 pm

Location: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley

-Or-

Date: Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

**Location: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin**

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 608-637-7711. You may also **register by email to: stmaryparish@mwt.net**. Please include your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Please feel free to invite others. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Parish Announcements *continued*

Healing the Whole Person

Do you want to be healed, to know yourself better, and understand why you do the things you do? This 8 week program from the John Paul II Healing Center is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. During this time, you'll begin a journey to **spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness**—entering the sometimes-hidden places of the heart, facing pains and woundedness, and experiencing a deep encounter with the authentic healing love of Jesus Christ.

Sessions are on **Tuesdays evenings in Marian Hall at ABVM in Viroqua from 6:30 to roughly 8 pm starting September 29 and continuing October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24.** This is more than just watching videos – which are beautiful in and of themselves - it includes a book to follow along and journal in, discussion groups as you desire, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and designated Confession, Adoration and prayer team evenings for your spiritual needs.

Cost is \$25 per person, please sign up by contacting the office of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at 400 Congress Ave., Viroqua, WI 54665 and mailing payment to their office. Jenny Leum, ABVM parishioner, will facilitate with help from a caring and experienced team. Questions and registration, call ABVM parish office at 608-637-7711 or email Jenny at jenny@leum.com.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Rural Life Day Sept. 23 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor

Come together with several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop-Emeritus William Callahan, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards-blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family at Creamery Creek Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

Flood Relief for Flood Victims in Nepal - Catholic Relief Services is responding to those affected by the devastating flooding in Nepal. Information about the relief effort and opportunities to contribute are available at CRS.org.

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Please use the registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments. Then mail or email it to stmaryscv@mwt.net and jrichards@diolclergy.org. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th • 7:30 AM—NOON

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

\$10.00

PER ADULT

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

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**St. Mary
Parish**

900 Central Ave
Coon Valley

**Our famous pancake
topping bar includes:**

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter

