



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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August 2, 2026 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 629A

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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

18th SUNDAY — IN — ORDINARY TIME

He *took* the loaves,
said the *blessing*,
gave them to
the disciples
who *distributed*
them to the crowd.



When we share what
we have with
generous hearts,
God can do more
than we imagine.



Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
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and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
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Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
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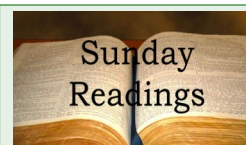
Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



August 2, 2026

- 1) *Isaiah 55:1-3/112*
- 2) *Romans 8:35, 37-39*
- 3) *Matthew 14:13-21*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 1

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - † John and Maria Rabotski

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, August 2

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - For the People

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, August 4

St. John Vianney

- Adoration 4:30 PM

- 5:15 PM Mass - For Fr. Joseph Richards

THURSDAY, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:00 AM Mass - For Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh

SATURDAY, August 8

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, August 9

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † Margie Hageman and Mirissa Waits

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Jul 27-Aug 5** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs contact Fr. Joe
- **Aug 9-18** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO *updated
- **Aug 15** ~ Holy Day (*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) Mass in Viroqua at 12:10 PM
- **Aug 15/16** ~ Welcome Msgr. Scheckel - help out priest
- **Aug 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass
- **Sept 17** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 15, 22 or 23 and 30. Sep 19 or 20, 26 & 27.

Open Weekdays: Aug 18, and 25. Sep 1, 15, 22, & 29.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are age 70½ or older, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$111,000 (2026 limit) per year directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. A QCD is generally excluded from your taxable income and, if you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), it can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year. This can be a tax-efficient way to support the charitable organizations you care about.

Because each person's tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor or financial professional before making any decisions.

If a QCD is right for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$5,581.25 Received as of week 3

(\$2,418.75) Difference for the Month

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of July 17, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$80,989

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		7/19/2026	
Adult Env		Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory		Received This Week	\$2,188.25
Total		Total needed	\$58,000.00
		YTD Received	\$58,382.68
		Difference	382.68

Information not available for July 26 prior to publication

From the Pastor

Friends,

I have a bit of scheduling business to bring to mind – as our folks in Viroqua and Coon Valley know the Boundary Waters are a bit of a haven for me, usually making for an eventful week or two in the woods each summer. As our folks in the entire Midwest know, there's been a general haze of smoke coming from that general direction (and further North) that means this summer's trip is off. Rather, I'm bumping back my original travel plans from an August 2 departure up to Minnesota to an August 9 trip out to Colorado and California for some time with friends and family. We'll have the official adjusted schedule posted in next week's bulletin, but in case you aren't here next weekend keep your eyes peeled in case you're planning on joining us for weekday services during the window of August 9-18 – we'll have a few adjustments. Weekend Masses will be unaffected with Msgr. Scheckel stepping in to cover Coon Valley/Viroqua and Fr. Emmanuel on for Wonewoc/Hillsboro.

Now I want to take a moment to thank all of you who came out to join us last weekend for the summer picnic. With our fourth year running we've officially reached the point of "our annual summer picnic" – this all sprang out of some Pastoral Council, PCCW, and Men's Club discussions four years ago, when some of our community folks came to me with "hey Fr. Joe, we've got an idea and a plan." This tends to be how significant things rise up within any parish I've been involved in – the seeds of a good idea get planted in someone or in someone's minds and plans come together. I am simply grateful for this moment and so many like it, where our brothers and sisters take the initiative and make the moves to serve our community. More than that, it is encouraging to me when y'all come to share in these moments, to join myself and each other in community and friendship. These are the things that add salt and pepper to our life together, and once more I want to thank all of you who made this happen and all of you who came to share that space with each other. For future reference, whether it be a big event for the whole community or a small book study for a special interest group, whether it be a "let's make this an annual affair" or simply five weeks this Fall only, my general rule of thumb when something fits our Main Thing (an ongoing encounter with the Lord in the community of His Church) and has a good plan in place, is that there's a fighting chance it'll get my seal of approval.

Finally, now that we are one month into The Eastward Expansion, I want to offer one final word of gratitude. I have been remarkably encouraged by your good grace, your warm welcome of Fr. Emmanuel, and the many, many folks who have stepped in with a "how can I help" or "can I help with this?" As I forge on in my own priesthood and pastorship, I am grateful to share this moment in eternity with you.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Buildings & Grounds Update

We have been blessed to accomplish many improvements to our parish buildings and grounds over the past several weeks. Through the generosity of our parishioners, the dedication of our volunteers, and the careful stewardship of parish resources, we continue to care for the church and grounds entrusted to us for worship and for future generations.

Recent Repairs & Improvements

- ◆ Church metal roof replaced
- ◆ Storm-damaged shingles replaced
- ◆ Loose gutters secured
- ◆ Rubber roof repaired
- ◆ Church chimney removed to the roof line
- ◆ Church ceiling fan replaced
- ◆ New sanctuary lighting installed
- ◆ Overgrown arborvitae removed from the front of the church

Currently Underway

- ◇ Contract signed for replacement of the church pew cushions, with installation anticipated before Christmas.
- ◇ Contract signed to replace two of the church's three furnaces.
- ◇ New cemetery information display board to be installed before the end of summer.

Looking Ahead

- ⇒ Replace basement ceiling tiles
- ⇒ Add insulation to the church attic to improve energy efficiency and long-term stewardship of our parish facilities

Thank you to everyone who has shared your prayers, time, talents, and treasures in caring for St. Mary Parish. Please continue to keep these projects in your prayers as we seek to be faithful stewards of the many blessings God has entrusted to us. Together, we continue to preserve and strengthen the place where we gather to worship, celebrate the sacraments, and grow in faith.

A Heartfelt Thank You—Annual Picnic

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our Annual Community Picnic a success! Whether you donated food, helped with setup or cleanup, prepared and served meals, worked behind the scenes, provided entertainment, or simply joined us in fellowship, your generosity of time and talent made the day possible. We are especially grateful to our many volunteers whose willingness to serve reflects the spirit of our parish community. May God bless each of you for your generosity and for helping make our parish picnic a memorable celebration of faith, fellowship, and community.

Parish Announcements *continued*

Pray for Our Priests

Here is a special opportunity to support our priests through prayer. As Fr. Joe and Fr. Emmanuel adjust to their new assignments, keep them in your daily prayers as they seek to faithfully serve God's people and balance the responsibilities of their ministries. *Copies of a Prayer for Our Priests are available in the back of the church.* We encourage you to take one home and pray for Fr. Joe and Fr. Emmanuel each day, for as long as you feel called to do so. Thank you for supporting our priests with the gift of your prayers. May God bless you.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Healing Service in Cashton - Aug 2

Come and experience God's supernatural love! Sunday, August 2, 2026. Mass at 10:00 AM, followed by Adoration. 12:15 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing, followed by Individual Prayer with Healing Teams at 12:30 PM. All are welcome. Sacred Heart Church, 1205 Front Street, Cashton, WI.

Information Session About Domestic Adoption

Hosted by Catholic Charities - Aug 6

Are you interested in expanding your family through private adoption? Join us on August 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for an informational session about the private adoption process. During our time, we will review the domestic adoption process. Participants will receive handouts as well as the domestic adoption application. This session will cover Catholic Charities In-State, Interstate, and Independent Adoption Programs. For info or questions, please contact Breanna at bcalko@cclse.org.

Community Corn Roast - Aug 11

All are welcome to join CV Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 11th from 5-7:30 PM for their annual Community Corn Roast. This event/meal is free to the public and all are welcome!

Mary, Mother of the Church ALPHA series

Jesus' first words in his public ministry were "Come and See". We invite everyone to explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. ALPHA is a series of interactive sessions that will take place on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 pm from 9/21-11/30/2026 and the weekend of 11/6-7. Dinner is provided each night! The sessions are in the Parish Hall. To register or for more information, please visit our website <https://www.mmoclacrosse.org/adults> or email alpha@mmoclacrosse.org

This Week on *FORMED*

- **The Transfiguration | Sacred Art**
- Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.
- **The Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney**
- The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?
- **St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints**
- Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat for Traumatic Pregnancy Loss - Oct. 9-11

A weekend retreat for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment for grieving and for releasing deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt. One testimony: "I have been through 14 years of therapy and anti-depressants. I've confessed my abortion a hundred times. Just when I thought I could take the pain no longer, I found Rachel's Vineyard. This weekend literally saved my life." For details on the retreat, which will be held in the La Crosse area, call Amy at 608.860.6698 or contact by email: Hope4U@diolc.org. To learn about Rachel Ministries, visit <https://diolc.org/rachelministries/>

Activity Corner



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

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.