



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



July 5, 2026 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 617A

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will
give you rest.*

MATTHEW 11:25-30



Wishing Everyone

★ A BLESSED ★
4TH OF JULY!

★ CELEBRATING ★

★ 250 ★
— YEARS OF —
INDEPENDENCE

Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

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

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

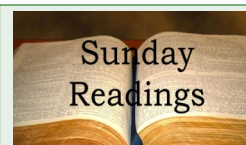
Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



July 5, 2026
 1) Zechariah 9:9-10
 2) Romans 8:9, 11-13
 3) Matthew 11: 25-30

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, July 4

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - † Art and Evelyn Gajewski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, July 5

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † John Ritter
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, July 7

Weekday

- Adoration 4:30 PM
 - 5:15 PM Mass - † Gary Bergquist

THURSDAY, July 9

St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

- 8:00 AM Mass - For the People

SATURDAY, July 11

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - † Roskos and Roningen families
 (living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, July 12

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † Ray Seichter
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

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 last Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$9,057.25	Received as of week 4
\$1,057.25	Difference for the Month

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Jul 4** ~ 250th Anniversary of our county's independence
- **Jul 4/5** ~ Mission Co-op, please welcome Fr. Peter Raj
- **Jul 10** ~ Fire Night in Viroqua 6:30-8:30 PM with confession/adoration and potluck
- **Jul 11/12** ~ Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. Joe for Mass
- **Jul 14** ~ Finance Council Meeting after 5:15 PM Mass
- **Jul 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Jul 25** ~ **Summer Parish/Community Picnic**
11 AM to 4 PM
- **Jul 27-Aug 5** ~ Amy on PTO, parish office closed
- **Aug 3-12** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO

*I will praise
 Your Name forever
 my King and my God!*

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14



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: Jul 19 and 26. Aug 9, 15, 22or23 and 30. Sep 12, 19or20, 26 & 27.

Open Weekdays: Jul 21, 23, 28, & 30. Aug 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, and 25. Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 24 & 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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of June 12 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$77,638.50 (73.94%)

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		6/28/2026	
Adult Env	\$1280.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	963.25	Received This Week	\$2,243.25
Total	\$2,243.25	Total needed	\$52,000.00
		YTD Received	\$52,801.43
		Difference	\$801.43

From the Pastor

Friends,

I've officially made my way out to Hillsboro and Wonewoc for the first time (as Pastor) this week after Tuesday's Mass, for an overnight and a full day taking it all in. I am just so struck with gratitude for Pat and Fran for accompanying me through this – where I am immediately overwhelmed by a big spread of papers, Fran picks up that paper right there, looks it through, pops it in a file or a shredder, and moves onto the next paper. Where I get overwhelmed by a fourth person in three minutes bringing their second “we’ve got to get this done,” Pat pulls out her notebook, gets the details, and witnesses the Person bringing the problem. All of this is giving me a fresh perspective on just how blessed I am by the support I have – not just in these two, but with our staff right here doing the exact same thing, with our volunteers and parishioners truly taking ownership and initiative – as Pastors come and go (not a forecasting), you remain here at home. When I returned after what felt like more than 24 hours for Viroqua's 5:15 Mass on Wednesday, I felt the homecoming with gratitude and peace. I am so very grateful to you for your presence, for your love, and for your openness with me to the Holy Spirit!

Now I do want to address one big reality in all this – my availability. Back when I was a missionary I had as a spiritual director a priest who himself had a particularly rugged schedule and set of responsibilities, a beautiful man with a fuller schedule than I could (or should) manage – his was his ministry and mine is mine. Anyway, one day as I noticed his busyness, I remarked to him, “Father, if you don't have time today we can bump this back.” I don't remember what we spoke about in direction, whether it was profound or inconsequential, but I do remember his clear, firm, kind response, “I know my calendar, why don't you let me worry about that.” That always struck me – A) his own put-togetherness, and B) his clear “you are important, and I am making this time for you because I value you and this moment.” I think that correction left a Mark on my own perspective.

One of my top-three concerns in all this is for you, my first flock. As I go about the healing and reconciliation of these new communities, I am keenly aware of the limitation it puts on my availability to you. I had a few occasions this week (feel no shame if you were one such, I don't blame you for a moment) of “I know you're incredibly busy (that word moves something unpleasant in me), but I have a need for (fill in the blank).” I invite you, as my own spiritual father did, to let me worry about my calendar and please to let me still father you even while juggling extra balls. I invite you, with me, to hear John Paul II's pontifical theme, “Be not afraid.” With God's grace we open ourselves to His presence through and with each other.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Mission Coop Appeal – This Weekend

This weekend we welcome Fr. Peter Raj, who will speak on behalf of the Diocese of Vellore, India, for the annual Mission Coop Appeal. If you wish to support the appeal, please use the Mission Coop envelopes available in the pews. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish; all contributions will be forwarded to the Diocese of Vellore. Thank you for your generosity and for warmly welcoming Fr. Raj.

St. Mary's Annual Picnic- Help Spread the Word!

Our Annual Family Picnic is coming up on **Saturday, July 25th from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM!** Join us for food, live music, games, and fellowship on the parish lawn!

Extra picnic flyers are available in the back of church. Please help spread the word by sharing one with family and friends or posting it on a community bulletin board or at your place of business (with permission). Volunteers are also needed to help with preparations, serving, games, and other activities. Everyone is welcome!



Fire Night: Join us for a special Adoration with praise and worship music. **Fri., July 10, 6:30-8:30** at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua. Confession and prayer teams available. Bonfire outside and potluck afterwards in Marian Hall, bring a dish to pass and spend time with the team and fellow worshippers. All are welcome!



Prayer Ministry Invitation

St. Mary Parish in Viroqua (ABVM) invites members of St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley to join its Prayer Ministry (Prayer Chain). If you feel called to pray for the needs of our wider Catholic community, we encourage you to sign up. Choose your preferred method of receiving prayer requests—email, text, or phone. Sign-up sheets are available through July 25, with the ministry expected to begin in early August. Thank you for considering this beautiful ministry of prayer.



Were You Aware? New Email Coming Soon

MWT will discontinue its mwt.net email service on December 31, 2026. As a result, St. Mary Parish will also be changing our parish email address. We will share our new email address as soon as it is available. If your email address ends in @mwt.net, when you obtain a new email, please message the parish office. Keeping your contact information current will help ensure you continue receiving parish news, bulletins, and important updates. Thank you for helping us keep our parish records up to date!



Thank You St. Mary Parish

The food pantry is ever so grateful for your recent donation of \$568.10. The need is great now so we appreciate it more than ever. We wouldn't be able to keep doing this without your continued support.

With grateful hearts, *The Bethel Butikk Food Panty*

Parish Announcements *continued*

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2025–2026 – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Because of your generosity, St. Mary Parish exceeded its goal by 17%. Every dollar given over our goal is returned to the parish, and those over-goal gifts are not used in calculating future Appeal goals or parish quotas. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generous support of our parish and the Diocese.

This Week on *FORMED*



St. Kateri Tekakwitha: A Story of Devotion to God

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Mary, Mother of the Church ALPHA series

Jesus' first words in his public ministry were "Come and See". We invite you to bring your friends, family, co-workers or anyone else who wants 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

Community Conversation, Connection and TACOS!

In-person: Franciscan Spirituality Center on July 14 (Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.): We see you, and we appreciate you! Anyone who works or volunteers at a nonprofit organization is invited to this informal gathering to connect and process with one another while enjoying a FREE taco lunch. Save your spot by registering at: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/>

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

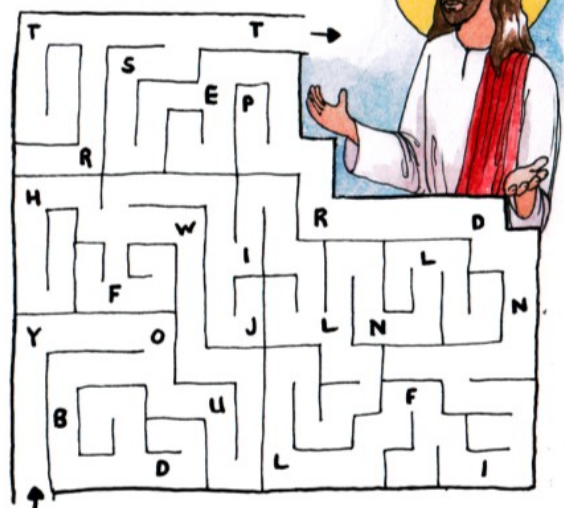
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abortion or miscarriage. Provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment for grieving and for releasing deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt. One testimony: "I have been through 14 years of therapy and anti-depressants. I've confessed 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 here](#) or scan the QR code on the right.

Activity Corner

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5th, 2026

"Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened..."



What does Jesus say will happen if you go to Him when you're tired and worn out? First find your way through the maze and then use the words from that path to fill in the blanks.

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.

All are Welcome!



St. Mary's Church Annual Family Picnic On The Lawn

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH
11am- 4:00 pm

**Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a
fun afternoon with family & friends!**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Brats, Desserts & Ice Cream Treats,
Bounce House w/Water Slide, Parents vs Kids Contests & More Games

Live Music

Two Frets Up 11:30 to 1:00 pm
Leather & Lace 1:00 to 3:00

St. Mary's Catholic Church
900 Central Ave
Coon Valley, WI



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