

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, and Steve Schulte. (2 appointed vacancies)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

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

ORGANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris Carskadon.

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

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: Call or email Fr. Joe. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

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

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.

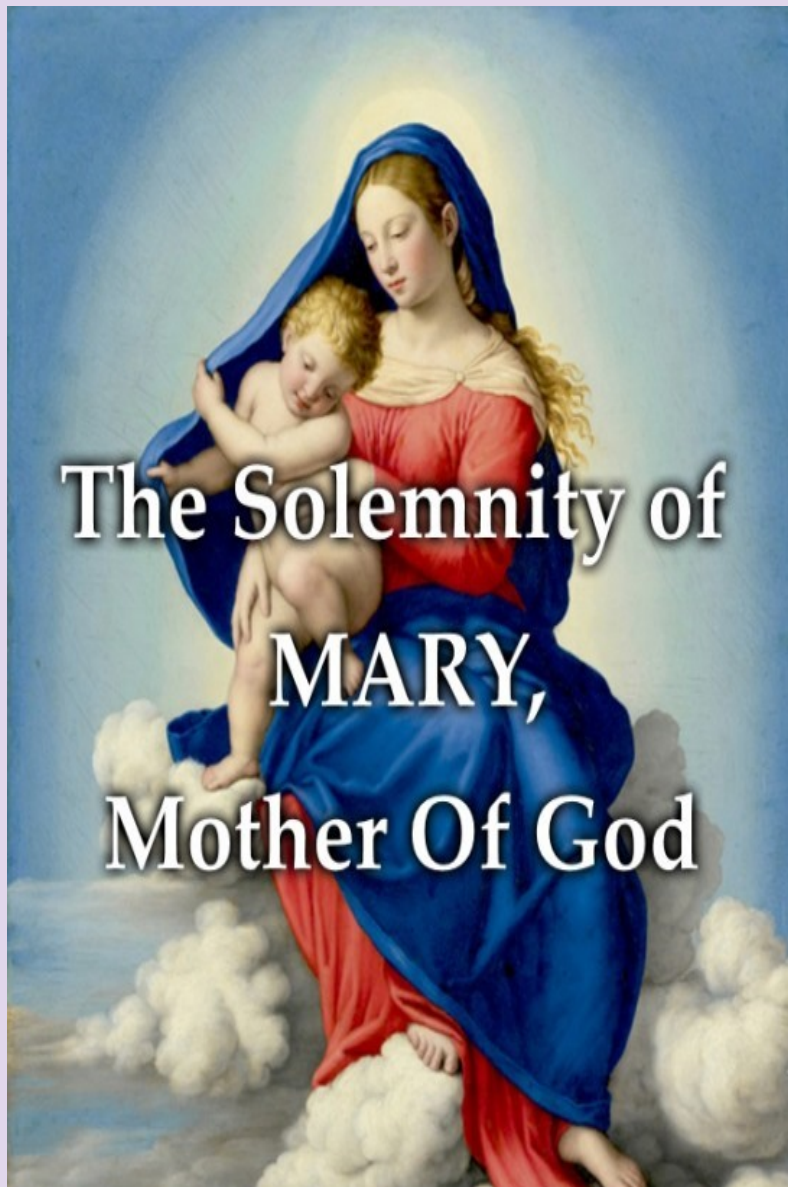
St. Mary's Parish

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Fr. Joe Richards

January 1, 2023

Readings: 496A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Sunday Readings
January 1, 2023

1. Numbers 6: 22-27; 2. Galatians 4: 4-7; 3. Luke 2: 16-21

Intentions

Dec 31 ~ 4:00 PM - †Durwood "Woody" Roningen

Jan 01 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ted Ollendick

Jan 03 ~ 6:30 PM - NO MASS

Jan 05 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS

Jan 07 ~ 4:00 PM - †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families

Jan 08 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family

*Correction from last weeks listing
Mass on 12/27/22 was for Tyler Turben

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 8, 15, & 22.
Feb 4, 19 & 25. Mar 4, 19, & 26.

Weekdays open: Jan 24 & 31. Feb 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, & 23. Mar 2, 7, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Jan 7/8

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Volunteer
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

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.

Sign in using **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with Amazon Smile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to you at no cost to you."



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Dec 31/Jan 01** ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- **January 2-6** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, no weekday Mass
- **January 8** ~ *Religious Education Class* after 8 AM Mass
Confirmation in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass
- **January 10** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5 PM
- **January 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **January 21 to February 26** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign
- **February 5** ~ *Religious Education Class* after 8 AM Mass
- **February 8-24** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tuesdays from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time) and on **Thursdays from Mass until noon.**
Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits, so, please call or text beforehand (608-606-9787) or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.**



CONFESSIONS

Saturday
3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *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 processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).



Giving Last Week		Week 51	12/25/2022
Adult Env.(32)	\$1,490.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$338.00	Received This Week	\$2,918.00
Xmas Env(21)	\$1,090.00	Running total needed	\$104,000.00
Total	\$2,918.00	YTD Received	\$94,478.09
Ret. Fund Rel	100.00	Difference	(9,521.91)

From the Parochial Administrator



Hello friends, and Merry still-Christmas!

Heads up, this is another bulletin article that's chiefly about who's-your-pastor.

If you're reading this after Mass, I'm probably in the middle of packing my bags to head down to St. Louis for the week for FOCUS' national conference (SEEK '23). I've shared a bit about FOCUS with you here and there – they're missionaries (mostly men and women in their 20's) who work on college campuses across the country (and to a lesser extent internationally), leading Bible studies, sharing the Gospel, accompanying college students in their relationship with the Lord and his Church. If you've heard of InterVarsity or Campus Crusade for Christ (more recently known as "Cru"), it's something similar but very specifically Catholic. I was a FOCUS missionary from 2012-2015 in Northern Minnesota – an experience that led me into the seminary and very much informed my own relationship with Christ and spiritual perspective. During my time as a missionary, I grew both in the conviction that that very relationship with Christ is something that requires igniting and subsequent feeding, much like a fire (and which work is not so much ours to do as the Holy Spirit's with our invitation and receptivity), as well as in the desire to actively promote that process in my brothers and sisters. It was a personally transformative three years, not least of which was the result of the community of missionaries and fellow disciples I worked with.

Anyhow, like I said, I'm likely in the process right now of packing my bag to head down to the FOCUS conference. Back during my missionary days these annual conferences marked one of a few benchmarks of the year when our students were given a concentrated opportunity for tangible encounter with Christ. Different speakers present on anything from healing the wounded heart (check out Sr. Miriam James on the "Abiding Together" podcast) to healthy investment in relationships and marriages (check out the "Messy Family" podcast) to effective evangelization ("Pints with Aquinas"). Each day begins with Mass and time to rest with the Lord and ends with a keynote featuring current top Catholic speakers. Confession and adoration set the tone for that encounter with Christ. All of this happens in the midst of some 20,000 college students, young adults, and parishioners coming together to spend a week with each other in the Lord's presence. It's the kind of experience that lights you up.

Now, I'm treating this conference as a bit of a retreat. I am crazy in love with being a parish priest (and more specifically your parish priest), but I will be fully honest that, in the literal sense of the word (and just as is the case with marriage and parenthood, as well as a single life well-lived), it is an exhausting vocation. There is a real spiritual cost to homily preparation and delivery, to the work of liturgical prayer, to parish administration, and to pastoral accompaniment. Don't hear what I'm not saying – it's a good cost and one entirely worth paying – look no further than (but please don't compare me to) Jesus spending himself in ministry then going off to the desert to pray and re-center himself in the Father's love on a regular basis. Me going off to St. Louis for this FOCUS conference (just like my upcoming formal priest's retreat at the end of April or chaplaining a Holy Land pilgrimage at the start of summer) is rooted in that same need to step back from the work I've been given and re-invite the Holy Spirit to lead me as I lead you. Pray for me this week, and I'll pray for you, too.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Josephine "Joan" Clements

who passed away on
December 22, 2022

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*



On behalf of the organists/pianists at St. Mary's, Coon Valley, we would like to thank you, St. Mary's parish, for the Christmas card and gift. It is very much appreciated.

Also a big thank you to those who sang in the choir during the Christmas season. It made Mass extra special to hear your melodious voices sing praise to Our Lord!

Another big thank you goes out to Jean Geier, our cantor who so willingly shares her beautiful voice and talents during the course of the year. Thank you, Jean.

Anyone is always welcome to help lead the singing in the choir. Have a Happy, Healthy, Holy Spirit-filled New Year.

Thank you, *Mary Beth, Linda and Chris*
Musicians at St. Mary's

2023 Envelopes and Calendars

The envelopes and calendars have arrived! Feel free to take a calendar home with you today and please pick up your envelope booklet from the back of church. If your name is missing or if you do not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact the parish office.

2022 End-of-Year Contributions/Statements

The collection at the 4:00 PM Mass on Dec. 31st will be included on the 2023 statement as January 1. If you have questions or concerns about making a 2022 contribution, please contact the parish office.

Movie Night Follow-up

Thank you to Bridget Goodwin for coordinating and showing "The Star" on December 16th and thank you to all the families and children who braved the winter to join us, a great time was had by all!



Parish Announcements continued

New Nativity Scene

If you haven't already done so please check out our new nativity scene in the front of church. We have purchased all new figurines and altered the stable to accommodate the new Mary and Joseph. The old ones had been glued back together many times and were in tough shape. The new ones are made of a material which shouldn't break and will last a very long time. The cost of the set was generously paid half in memory of Joan Urbanek and half by the PCCW.



Banquet Tables for Sale—Only 4 Left!

The PCCW has purchased new lightweight banquet table.. The old banquet tables are for sale on a first come first serve basis at \$10.00 each! Please text or call Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198 to purchase and make pickup arrangements.

Inspired by the Spirit

This comprehensive, all-parish campaign effort began in parishes of the Diocese this past spring and is being conducted throughout this fall and through the first half of 2023. It will not only incorporate and support the ministries through the Diocesan Annual Appeal but will also provide an opportunity for every parish in the Diocese to raise funds for their own parish needs. More information about the campaign in the coming weeks.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

“UNSCRIPTED,” a new episode in this web series from the Office for Family Life is now available! In this episode, we talk with Valentyna Pavsyukova who is a force for good in our community and for the people of Ukraine. She leads Chalice of Mercy, which is a powerful local charity whose efforts directly benefit the beleaguered, the homeless, the wounded, and the elderly in Ukraine. Since February 24th, 2022, their herculean efforts have assisted hundreds of thousands of people.



Crosswoods Camp is Hiring for Summer Staff Positions!

If you love being outdoors, are musically talented, can juggle, or make bird calls, we have the perfect job for you! Our small, dedicated staff leads weekly groups on adventures (such as rock climbing, kayaking, mountain biking) alongside skits, talks, and worship music to help lead youth to Christ. If this sounds like you, or a friend, please send inquiries or requests for an application to Camp Director, Shelby Saenger, at kaufers2386@gmail.com.

Ukraine Still Needs Us! Donate to Chalice of Mercy

Valentyna Pavsyukova continues to ship tons of humanitarian aid – especially donated medical supplies and equipment – to Ukraine through her Chalice of Mercy mission. She is able to ship at a discounted rate, but shipping costs are still very high. Visit chaliceofmercy.org/donation to give.



A Minute with Jesus

Jesus came to earth as an infant, born of Mary



Mary was prepared to be the Mother of our Savior; by God's favor she was created “full of grace” and free from sin. The Savior – Jesus – was to be called Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” Jesus will remain with us throughout our life as we receive Him in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for the gift of Mary, Your Mother, through whom the world received You as our Savior. This week, read how this glorious news was revealed to the Shepherds in Luke 2: 8-20

Kids Corner

Octave of Christmas Word-Find



Can you find all the words in the list in the puzzle below?
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

ANGELS	GLORY	PRAISE
ANIMALS	GOD	SAVIOUR
BABY	HOLY	SHEEP
BARN	JESUS	SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	SING
BORN	MANGER	SKY
COLD	MARY	STABLE
FIELDS	MOTHER	WONDER
FOUND	NIGHT	WORSHIP

W P M S I N G N I G H T
O R A T A N I M A L S B
N A S A N G E L S R H E
D I A B M O T H E R E T
E S V L A D J O S E P H
R E I E R Y E L T H H L
G L O R Y E S Y M O E E
F B U T H E U S K Y R H
O A R W O R S H I P D E
U B A R N F I E L D S M
N Y R M A N G E R O F G
D O D C O L D P B O R N

On the eighth day of Christmas we honour in a special way

_____.

Answer: Mary the Mother of God.

Flower Donations in Memory/Honor Of:

As of 12/21/2022

Tyler Turban

By Sharon Anderson

Jim and Betty Callan

Bob and Leona Welsh

By Mike and Karen Callan

Arlan and Virginia Dwyer

Rhonda Buckmaster

Randy Jones and Bob Janiero

By Keith Dwyer

Fleming and Ollendick Families

By Jim and Barb Fleming

Maria Rabotski

Art and Evelyn Gajewski

By Don and Mary Gajewski

Larry and Myrtle Geier

Chuck and Theresa Brueggen

Mary Brueggen

Vic Gutierrez and Aunt Del Marie

By Curt and Jean Geier

Joseph and Stella Grabowski

Norbert and Arlene Seichter

By Steve and Michelle Grabowski

David and Shirley Hanson

Henry and Myra Hanson

Ken and Jo Hanson

Larry and Sara McKittrick

By Dave and Sue Humfeld

Joan Urbanek

By Mike and Clarice Kammel

Edward and Anna Kerska

By Robert E. Kerska

Bernard, Cecelia, and Larry Humfeld

By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

Ralph Pedretti

By Andrew Pedretti

Albert and Stella Hohlfeld

By Roger and Nancy Peters

Jayne Peterson

By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

William & Rose Marie LeJeune

Frank and Dennis LeJeune

By Sandra Ritter Family

Donald and Rita Weber

Alfred and Mildred Roesler

By John and Carol Roesler

Cheryl Roesler

By Joe Roesler

Deceased members of the Roskos and

Roninggen Families

By Rosey Roningen

Ed and Betty Gorman

By Steve and Linda Schulte

Virginia Nerison

George and Marline Stakston

By Deacon Anthony and Jacqueline Shay

Toni Sheehan and Ray Sheehan

By Maripat Sheehan

Helen and Leyton Stafslie

Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski

By Amy Stafslie Family

Dan Tiedeman

By Caroline Tiedeman

Joan Urbanek and Daniel Urbanek

By Clarence Urbanek

Kylie Von Ruden

By Bruce, Shirley, Chase & Kenzie Von Ruden

Gavin Williams

Ken and Hazel Williams

By Rick and Sue Williams

Tami Effinger and Richard Effinger

By Bob and Dawn Withington

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish. If you have donated toward the flowers and your name in not listed here, please contact the parish office. Updates will be posted in the back of church.