

St. Mary Parish

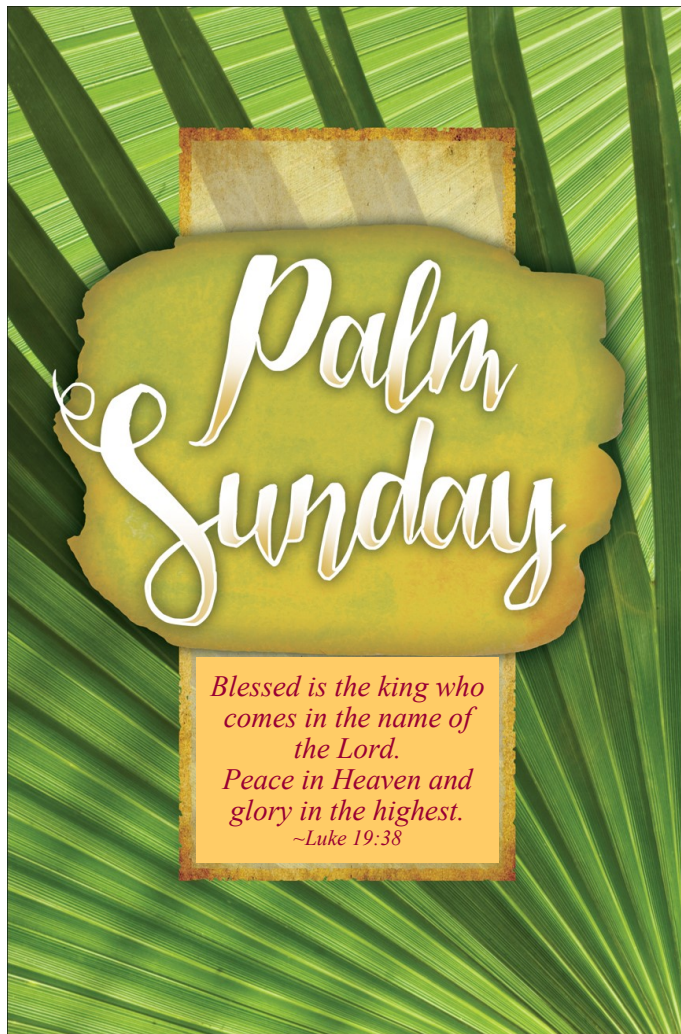
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April 13, 2025

Readings: 517C

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday.....5:15 pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

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

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

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

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris

Carskadon

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

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

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday:Wed - 5:15 PM & Fri - 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

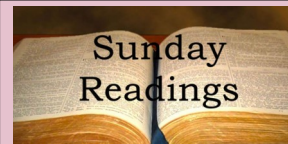
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org 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.



April 13, 2025
 1) Isaiah 50:4-7
 2) Philippians 2:8-9
 3) Luke 22:14-23:56

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, April 12

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Fr. Edmund Doerre
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

-8:00am Mass - Fleming and Ollendick Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, April 15

Holy Week

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross
 - approx. 5:45 pm Mass - † Lucile Kumm

THURSDAY, April 17

Holy Thursday

- NO 8:00am Mass
 -Mass (IN VIROQUA ONLY)- 5:15 pm

FRIDAY, April 18

Good Friday

- 12:10 PM Service IN VIROQUA
 - 3:00 PM Service here

SATURDAY, April 19

Holy Saturday

-Mass (IN VIROQUA ONLY)- 8:15 pm

SUNDAY, April 20

Easter Sunday

-8:00am Mass - † Ed and Betty Gorman
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

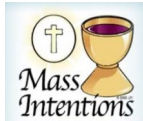
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Apr 13 ~ Palm Sun.** - Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ 1st Communion Prep in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- **Apr 14** ~ Confessions at the Cathedral 9AM-6PM
- **Apr 15** ~ Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse - 10:30 AM
- **Apr 15** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Apr 15 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Apr 17 ~ Holy Thursday Mass** in Viroqua at 5:15 PM
- **Apr 18 ~ Good Friday Service** in Viroqua 12:10 PM **here at 3:00 PM**
 The Passion (in Viroqua) 8 PM
- **Apr 19** ~ Bryan Berg's Celebration of Life at the Coon Valley American Legion Hall 1PM -5PM
- **Apr 19 ~ Holy Saturday** in Viroqua at 8:15 PM
- **Apr 20 ~ Easter Sunday - 8 AM Mass**
- **Apr 20-26** - National Volunteer Week
- **Apr 22** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7PM
- **Apr 23** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 6-7:30 PM 4/23/2025
- **Apr 25-30** ~ Fr. Joe on Priest Retreat no daily Mass
- **Apr 26** ~ PCCW **Spring Luncheon 11 AM - 1 PM**
- **Apr 26/27** ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ second collection by PCCW members. Donations will help the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jul 6, 13, & 20. Aug 3, 9, 10, 16 or 17 & 31.

Open Weekdays: May 1 & 22. Jun-full. Jul 1, 8, 10, 22, 24, 29 & 31.



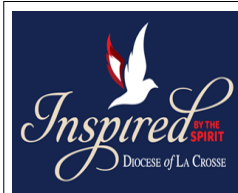
Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



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

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 04/03/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$13,055.00	\$11,138.31
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$995.00	\$2,911.69
Percent Pledged: 92.92%, Percent Received: 79.28%		
Number Contributing: 26		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of April 03, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$55,776.50
THANK YOU!

Giving Last Week		4/6/2025	
Adult Env(33)	\$1110.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	<u>245.00</u>	Received This Week	\$1,355.00
Total	\$1,355.00	Running total needed	\$28,000.00
		YTD Received	\$28,273.96
Easter Flowers	\$175.00	Difference	273.96

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

As we round into Holy Week, I want to break down the liturgies we have coming up. Even more than Christmas, the movement around next weekend forms the heart of who we are and what we do – the movement from Jesus Christ's preaching and sign-working into His arrest and suffering (Holy Thursday), then into His death on the cross (Good Friday), then into His resurrection from the dead (the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday).

The three liturgies of Holy Thursday (the Mass of the Lord's Supper), Good Friday (the Passion), and the Easter Vigil really make up one long liturgy. The Holy Thursday Mass ends in suspense, lacking the customary blessing and dismissal and instead concluding with a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament out of the church into a side chapel. That evening we'll keep vigil until midnight in the chapel we've been using in Viroqua during construction – I need a few volunteers for each hourlong timeslot, but outside of volunteering please welcome the chance to stop in for fifteen minutes, an hour, whatever you'd like to keep watch with Jesus just as He invited His disciples to do in the garden.

Good Friday is the one day out of the year when there isn't a single Mass celebrated across the world. It picks up where Holy Thursday left off, with a simple procession into the church then three main movements: the reading of the Passion narrative, a veneration of the cross, and the reception of Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is again removed from the church, and the prayer dismisses in similar suspense to how Holy Thursday ended.

And then comes Easter. The work of Holy Thursday and Good Friday has us in a somber state of mind and heart, all the way until dusk falls on Saturday. This Mass starts with the church darkened fully, and into this darkness a single flame rises to light the Easter candle. This light slowly fills the church until we witness God moving through salvation history. This liturgy includes the reception of non-Catholics into the faith and the baptism of non-Christians into the Body of Christ, concluding finally the work of the last few months and welcoming us into the fifty days of Easter. It is beautiful, a lot, and well worth your time.

Finally, I want to invite you to one extracurricular liturgy – a Mass of Reparation on Wednesday evening (April 16). I want to follow Bishop Battersby into the work of renewal and rebuilding he is leading by recognizing and inviting the Lord into places where real hurt has been done within the Church. We'll begin with Stations as usual (in the church), then move into this Mass with a starting Litany of Reparation, as written and shared by the Bishop's office. If you are free to join us Wednesday evening, I warmly welcome you. It'll be a powerful warmup for the Triduum.

May God bless you as we move into this great and Holy Week! Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

PCCW Spring Luncheon - Apr 26



The PCCW will be hosting their annual Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, April 26 from 11 AM to 1 PM**. This event is open to all, not just the ladies, and the food is always delicious. At 11:30 AM our guest speaker, Linda Schulte will be presenting her experience from her recent Mission trip to Casa Hogar in Peru. Please help spread the word by distributing the updated flyers with the QR Code from the back of the church.

The hosts for the Spring Luncheon will be **St. Catherine & St. Cecilia Guilds**. Members of these guilds will be receiving a phone call asking them to donate a LARGE salad or a pan of bars. Items can be dropped off the morning of the luncheon starting at 9:00AM. Please have the items there by 10:45AM so it can be prepared for the start at 11:00AM.

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Supper Report

Updated report has been posted in the back of the church.

Celebrate the Life of Bryan Berg

Join the Berg Family in celebrating the life and legacy of Bryan J. Berg, a truly remarkable individual who touched so many lives.

Date/Time: Saturday, April 19th, 2025 - 1PM to 5PM.

Location: Coon Valley American Legion Hall

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Has Concluded

This is the last weekend to drop off your bottle or envelope for Birthright.

Lenten Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services and **Student Mite Boxes** for Missionary Childhood will be collected during Holy Week.

Easter Flower Donations

Please use the envelope included in your booklet. Additional envelopes are at the back of the church and near the side door. Thank you for your support.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday (in Viroqua only): 5:15 PM
Adoration in the chapel after service until midnight

Good Friday: 12:10 PM in Viroqua
3:00 PM here

Holy Saturday (in Viroqua only): 8:15 PM

Easter Sunday: **8:00 AM here**
10:30 AM in Viroqua

Parish Announcements continued

Tuesdays during Lent
Adoration 4:30 PM -
Stations 5:15 PM
Followed by Mass



THE PASSION: Join our sister parish in Viroqua for a live performance of Jesus' passion and death on Good Friday, April 18th at 8:00 PM. Parental discretion is advised as this is a realistic representation. *Recommended for age 12 and up.*

The Richland Deanery Spring Assembly - Apr 26

Join other women of our Deanery at this assembly held Saturday, April 26, at noon at St. Jerome, 528 Center St., Wonewoc. The speaker will be Bev Cousineau, coordinator for St. Thera's Adoration Chapel in Union Center. Give yourselves time to visit the Chapel on your way home. Bring a dish to pass and share in the luncheon fellowship. For more information, please contact President Candace McGarth at: Candace.ldccw@gmail.com or call 608-647-0400.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Pancake Breakfast, Palm Sunday - Apr 13

American Legion Post 116 will be having a pancake breakfast at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. Serving 8:00—Noon. Meal will consist of pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS at the Cathedral - Apr 14

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral on Monday, April 14th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

Chrism Mass | April 15, 2025 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on April 15, at 10:30 am

15th Annual Meatball and Lefse Supper - Apr 26

Lower CV Lutheran Church is hosting their annual supper on Saturday, April 26 from 4-7:30 PM. Cost is \$15, Kids 6-12 \$10 and 5 and under free. Menu: Meatballs and gravy, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans, various desserts, coffee and mild. Carry outs available. Pick up some extra goodies from the bake sale. For info contact Teresa at 608-483-2612

Neighbors Day 2025 - Apr 26

We're excited to announce that Neighbors Day 2025 is just around the corner and we're inviting you to join us on **Saturday April 26**. Boost team morale and foster a sense of pride in your organization by volunteering: Neighbors Day is a family friendly, active, outdoor event that brings people together for a common good. **When?** Saturday, April 26 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. **Where?** The Nature Place at Myrick Park (789 Myrick Park Drive, La Crosse). A light breakfast and lunch will be served. All tools will be provided. Visit: <https://>

Diocesan/Local Announcements

www.habitatlacrosse.org/what-we-do/neighborhood-revitalization/neighbors-day/ to register for assistance or volunteer.

La Crosse Auxiliary Flower Sale

This is the La Crosse Auxiliary's 45 Annual Flower sale for local nursing scholarships. We have awarded over \$400,000.00 in scholarships for Viterbo and WWTC nursing students. This year's sale will showcase a fresh look and an expanded selection of flowers.

For **best selection pre orders are available from April 1-24th at <https://fhauxiliaryflowers.square.site>**, or call Pat at 507-895-4084 or Patty at 608-799-8562. A supply of plants will be available on site at the garage on the corner of 11th and Ferry Street, in La Crosse from April 29- May 1,2025

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27. The schedule for the day: 9:00 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 12:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet in Spanish, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection & Consecration by Cardinal Burke, 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15 PM Benediction & Reposition, 3:30 PM St. Faustina Relic Blessing & Veneration. Confessions will be available 30 minutes before the 9 & 11 AM Masses until all are heard and then at 12 Noon - 4 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8AM-5PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059. *"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* – Diary of St. Faustina #699

The Activity Corner will be as an insert in the printed version of the bulletin during Lent, for the young and the young at heart!

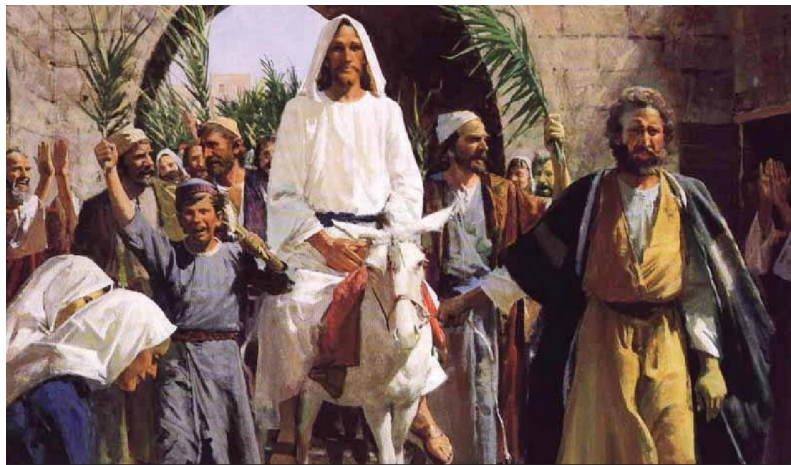


PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- The sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Syria whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- The intentions listed in our parish Book of Prayer.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net



St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley Entering into the Holiest Week of the Year

Holy Week Schedule

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

Palm Sunday

Time: Sat. 4:00 PM and Sun. 8:00 AM

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

Tues. 4:30 PM Adoration

Preparation Days

Time: 5:15 PM Stations followed by Mass

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy.

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. All are welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday

Time: In Viroqua only - 5:15 PM

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum – which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews’ escape from Egypt, and the “passing over” of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody anticipation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts—the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it.” (Matthew 26:39) “And being in agony He

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

Holy Week Schedule



prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.” (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

12:10 PM in Viroqua

Good Friday Time: 3:00 PM here

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Attend a service at your parish and consider spending the hours of 12-3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday Time: In Viroqua only - 8:15 PM

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of "light of Christ."

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ, and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Time: 8:00 AM here, 10:30 AM in Viroqua

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.



Spring Luncheon



Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 26th, 2025



Only \$10 per person

Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch.

At 11:30 a.m. guest speaker - Linda Schulte presenting her mission trip to Casa Hogar in Peru

Door Prizes

Questions? Call 608-452-3841

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