

St. Mary's Parish

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(If Westby School District closes or delays due to weather, weekday Mass will be cancelled)

Area Parishes:

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact Fr. Matt to register for Baptism preparation. Preparation should be completed before the birth of your child, if possible.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

- 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
- 2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- 3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

FOCUS: God is always ready to take us back, no matter how far or how often we stray.

Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, God stops the miraculous manna as soon as the Israelites are able to eat the produce of the Promised Land. Paul tells the Corinthians they are a new creation through reconciliation with God. The prodigal son demonstrates God's willingness to welcome us back as soon as we turn to him.

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
As of 03/22/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,080.00	\$12,830.00
Target Amount	\$11,405.00	\$11,405.00
Amt Over Target	\$2,675.00	\$1,425.00
Percent Pledged: 123.45%, Percent Received: 112.49%		
Number Contributing	40	
WE MET OUR GOAL! IF YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN, NOW IS THE TIME! Please continue to pay on the pledges. Anything received at the Diocese will now be returned to the parish untaxed. Thank you for your generosity!		

Giving Last Week		Week 11	3/24/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$1,080.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$220.00	Received This Week	\$1,300.00
Total \$1,300.00		Running total Needed	\$16,800.00
43 of 115 Sunday env. received		Running total Received	\$17,896.18
		Difference	1,096.18
Debt Reduction Collection		\$1,075.00	



Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's.		
	Saturday, Apr 6, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Apr 7, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Reader:	Nancy Peters	Keith Kenyon
Communion Minister:	Virginia Nersion	Jodi Holdorf
Ushers:	Joe Berra and Volunteer	Dan VonFeldt and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Laura Wiczorek and Curt Horman	

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: **April-** 9, 16, 23, 26; **May-** 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 24, & 28

Please use the *Mass Intention Envelopes* located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Mar. 30	4:00 PM	†Emmanuel Molina
Mar. 31	9:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Apr. 2	6:00 PM	†Ronald Hammes
Apr. 3	8:00 AM	†Edward and Anna Kerska
Apr. 5	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Apr. 6	4:00 PM	†Edward Kerska
Apr. 7	9:15 AM	Our Parish Family

Upcoming Events/Calendar

Mar. 30		Fr. Matt's Birthday
Mar. 30	4:00 to 7:00 PM	St. Mary's Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner hosted by the Men's Club
Mar. 31	Following Mass	NO Religious Education Classes
Apr. 2	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Apr. 6	8:45 AM	Religious Ed Students and families meet at the Shrine
Apr. 7	Following Mass	Fr. Matt offering <i>Confessions</i> , NO Religious Ed class
Apr. 8	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting
Apr. 9	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Apr. 13/14		Palm Sunday
Apr. 14	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Apr. 16	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Apr. 18	7:30 PM	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
Apr. 19	1:00 PM	<i>Good Friday</i>
Apr. 20	4:00 PM	NO Regular Mass this day
Apr. 20	8:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
Apr. 21	9:15 AM	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Apr. 21	Following Mass	NO Religious Education Classes—Happy Easter!
Apr. 27/28		PCCW Low Sunday Collection
Apr. 27	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Spring Luncheon sponsored by the PCCW
Apr. 28	During Mass	First Communion Sunday for the 2nd Grade Class
Apr 29 to May 3		No Weekday Masses—Fr. Matt will be on Priest Retreat.

Parish Announcements

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Volunteers Needed

We will need extra volunteers for Holy Week for all ministry positions. Please help fill in when you are available. A signup sheet is in the back of church. Thank you for sharing your time and talents here at St. Mary's.

Apr. 27~Spring Luncheon

The PCCW will be holding their annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 27. St. Cecilia and St. Catherine Guilds will be serving this year. *Please help us advertise by posting the flyer inserted in this bulletin.* Members will also be receiving a phone call asking them to bring a large salad for the luncheon. Each Guild will also be asked to bring 3 pans of bars. Food can either be brought during setup Friday night at 6pm or Saturday morning before 11am.

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner

Join us this Saturday evening for Dinner! Only \$10 for Adults and \$5 for youth, 3 and under are free. Includes spaghetti or pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, and beverage with ice-cream for dessert.

New Liturgical Schedules

Schedules for April, May and June are now available for pickup in the back of church. Servers will again signup online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server1>

Thank you to all our servers, readers, communion ministers and ushers, your service is appreciated.

Confessions

Fr. Matt will be assisting with/offering confessions on the following dates and times:

Mary, Mother of the Church, April 3rd at 6:45 PM

Here at St. Mary's, April 7th after Mass

St. Mary's, Viroqua, April 11th at 6:30 PM

Please feel free to attend any opportunities listed.

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate toward the Easter Flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, special envelopes for this purpose are located that the church doors.

Religious Ed Update-Class Change to Apr. 6-Outdoor Stations

Instead of class on Sunday morning April 7th, the RE students will participate in a mini-retreat about St. Francis of Assisi and the Stations of the Cross up at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (5250 Justin Rd, La Crosse, WI 54601) **on Saturday morning April 6th**. Please meet at the Shrine at **8:45 AM**. It takes 15 - 20 min to get there from St. Mary's heading north on Hwy 14. The Stations are outdoors and scattered along a nature trail. Afterwards there is a talk about St. Francis of Assisi in the Shrine church. Families would be free to depart after that, although there will be a Confessions and Mass offered by the Franciscan friars starting at 10:30 AM. We will not be organizing transportation for families, but if you would like to meet in the church lot at 8:30 AM to organize some carpools, that is acceptable. If weather is poor, Fr. Matt send out another e-mail with further instructions. I certainly hope it makes for an informative, fun, prayerful activity in those closing days of Lent.

PCCW Meeting~Apr. 8

The next PCCW meeting will be held Monday, April 8 at 7pm. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be finalizing plans for the Spring Luncheon and working on other activities to support our parish family. We would love to see YOU at these meetings so you can meet with other ladies of the parish

DCCW Spring Assembly

The annual assembly will take place on April 13th at St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge (exact time TBD).

Free Lenten Materials

Feel free to take home any of the Lenten Material on the back of church. There are several options no matter your age.

Annual Appeal Update!

We have met our goal with money received! Thank you all for your contributions. Now, everything given to the Annual Appeal will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. There are

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extra cards and envelopes in the back of church, or give online at diolc.org/donate-online be sure to designate St. Mary Parish (445).

Rice Bowls-Encounter Lent

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. You can help others like Kumba. Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will help meet the needs of the world. Also, download the CRS Rice Bowl App.

Children's Mite Boxes

Help remind your student of the importance of alms giving during Lent and encourage them to fill their box. All funds collected by our students go to help other children. Through these financial contributions the Missionary Childhood Association carries out educational, medical and welfare projects for children in the poorest areas of the world.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

Amazon Smile is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, and you can now St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: amazon.com/smile and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" in the search bar, or simply click the new link on our parish website: stmarycv.org

Diocesan/Local Announcements:

Farmer Hotline for Help & Hope

There is a current crisis in farming: historic low margins and high rates of suicide. There is help and hope. The Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection's Wisconsin Farm Center offers a hotline for farmers looking for advice – everything from financial to succession planning for the future. The hotline is available weekdays 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at [1-800-942-2474](tel:1-800-942-2474)

Apr. 5-Coon Valley Elementary 4-K Registration

Your child must turn 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to attend in the fall. Call 452-3143 for an appointment.

Apr. 8-Good Grief: Healing While Grieving

A facilitated support group for people experiencing the pain of loss. At Franciscan Healthcare, 700 West Ave. So, Hospital Building, Lang Conference Rm, 1st Floor. Alternating Mondays, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Topic Apr. 8 is "Anamnesis: Rituals of Re-member-ing" For info call 608-785-0940, ext: 22218

Apr. 14-Palm Sunday Breakfast

Please join the CV Legion Post 116 for breakfast on Palm Sunday at the Coon Valley Legion Hall, serving 8 AM to Noon. Includes: pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, milk, juice and coffee.

Apr. 16-Christ Mass

The Christ 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 Christ Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. If you are unable to attend you can watch it at diolc.org/live.

Apr. 27-Need Help or Volunteer for Neighbors Day

If you need help, call 608-433-2004 to be added to the list or volunteer for this year's annual Neighbors Day and help the elderly and disabled individuals in the City of La Crosse spruce up their homes for spring and clean up our beautiful marsh.

Schedule:

8:00am-9:00am Registration at Myrick Park Center
8:00am-1:00pm Work on assigned projects
11:30am-1:00pm Lunch served at Myrick Park Center
1:00pm-3:00pm Work on assigned projects
Questions about volunteering, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 608-785-2373 ext 103 or volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org.

Leadership in Christ Conference Apr. 26-27, 2019, La Crosse. "Transformation is Possible" – Dr. Bill Keimig, back by popular demand, will speak Friday evening and Saturday morning on the keys to transformation through Christ - as a person, a family and a parish. Choose from a wide variety of breakout sessions Saturday afternoon. Complete details and registration at www.diolc.org/leadership. *Blocks of hotel rooms are held at special rates until March 26.* Questions? Contact Chris Ruff at ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This is a day of extraordinary grace. Events include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Hourly), Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy 101 Video (12:30 & 1:30 PM in Parish Hall) and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction (3:00 PM). All are welcome to attend from noon to 3:15 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church., La Crosse.

Apr. 30 ~ Catholics at the Capitol April 30

Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) joins several Catholic organizations in hosting *Catholics at the Capitol*. Hundreds of Wisconsin Catholics come to Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. *Catholics at the Capitol 2019* will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, celebrating both the Wisconsin Catholic Conference's 50th Anniversary and 20 years of hosting *Catholics at the Capitol*. Register http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/2019_CAC_Registration_Form.pdf by Apr. 22, 2019. If you plan to attend, please let Chris Ruff at 608-791-0161 so participants from the Diocese of La Crosse can connect.

May 18-Catholic Scout Retreat

Place: St. Patrick's School – 100 South L Street – Sparta – WI. Date: May 18, 2019. Time: Registration 8:30 to 9:00AM sessions will end at 4PM. Meals: Lunch & snacks provided. *No Cost free will donations accepted. *This retreat is for Boy Scouts ages 13 and older or have completed the 6th grade. *For Information contact: Cindy Sjolander at 608-792-4911 or catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19 La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily: 7 AM & 6 PM

Catholic Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic Cable Television
Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley
Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite

Youth Religion Education Program:

Classes meet after the Sunday Mass from September to May. Coordinator: Paul Thompson. Email: thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at nfp@diolc.org

Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities offers many services in our diocese. Programs offered include: emergency services, adoption services, mental health counseling, financial counseling, HIV/AIDS ministries, immigration services, in-home support for children with disabilities, and domestic abuse services. For more information please call 1-888-212-HELP or visit www.cclse.org.