

St. Mary's Parish

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Pastor

March 3, 2019 and March 6, 2019

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and Ash Wednesday

Reading 601C and 686

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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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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

- 1) Sirach 27:4-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
- 3) Luke 6:39-45

FOCUS: *Let us be faithful in speech and action.*

The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Tribulation and difficulties are sieves in our own lives – and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and actions.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The writer of Sirach gives examples of how what is good is separated from what is poor, especially in speech. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ has defeated death – it no longer has power over us. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the blind leading the blind to show there is a difference between what is good and what is evil.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 1) Joel 2:12-18
- 2) 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2
- 3) Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

FOCUS: *We begin the season of Lent by repenting and turning back to the Lord with our whole heart.*

As Jesus went into the desert, so we, too, go into the desert for Lent as we repent of our sinfulness and turn back to God's ways. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving allow God to form us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading the Lord, through the prophet Joel, calls us to return with our whole hearts. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians and implores them to be reconciled to God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to give alms, pray and fast without notice, building a relationship with the Father that he will bless and reward

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
As of 02/27/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,930.00	\$11,405.00
Target Amount	\$11,405.00	\$11,405.00
Over/Under	\$1,525.00	\$0.00
Percent Pledged: 111.57%, Percent Received: 100%		
Number Contributing		38



WE MET OUR GOAL! NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE!
Thank you for your generosity! Please continue to pay on the pledges. Anything received at the Diocese will now be returned to the parish untaxed.

Giving Last Week		Week 8	2/24/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$830.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$122.00	Received This Week	\$1,032.00
Catholic Life	\$80.00	Running total Needed	\$11,200.00
Total	\$1,032.00	Running total Received	\$11,804.18
		Difference	604.18
28 of 115 Sunday env. received			

Mass Intentions		
We have the following dates available for the next few months: March -12, 15, 19, 22, 26, & 27; April -5, 9, 16; May -1, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 21, 22, 24, & 28 Please use the <i>Mass Intention Envelopes</i> located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.		
Mar. 2	4:00 PM	†Gary and Scott Hohlfeld
Mar. 3	9:15 AM	†Ted and Hilda Ollendick and Bette Fleming
Mar. 5	6:00 PM	Special Intention for the Wieczorek Family
Mar. 6	8:00 AM	†Alex and Rose Roskos
Mar. 6	6:30 PM	Our Parish Family
Mar. 8	8:00 AM	†Michael Raasch
Mar. 9	4:00 PM	Don and Roxanne Weber Family
Mar. 10	9:15 AM	†Gavin Williams

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, Mar 9, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Mar 10, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Maddie and Silas VonFeldt
Reader:	Robert Kerska	Keith Kenyon
Communion Minister:	Mary Humfeld	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Mark Boland and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	

Upcoming Events/Calendar

Mar. 3	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 5	6:00 PM	Weekday evening Mass
Mar. 5	Following Mass	Parish Council Meeting
Mar. 6	8 AM and 6:30 PM	 Ash Wednesday Services
Mar. 10	2:00 AM	Turn clocks ahead 1 hour 
Mar. 10	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 12	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Mar. 12	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting
Mar. 17	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 19	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Mar. 24	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 26	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of Cross
Mar. 30		St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper 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

Free Poinsettias

If you have a green thumb and would like to nurture a poinsettia as it begins to grow new shoots, help yourself to as many as you want. Poinsettias are located in the confessional area. Any remaining after this Sunday, March 3, will be thrown.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

CRS- Rice Bowls Now Available-Encounter Lent

Join our faith community-and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.-in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church. During the 40 days of Lent help meet the needs of the world. Also, download the CRS Rice Bowl App.

Mite Boxes for RE Students

Mite boxes will be distributed this weekend. All funds raised go to support the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). Today MCA is in 110 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. Under its banner "children helping children", monies raised are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources.

Lenten *The Word Among Us*

Please fee free to use and/or take a copy of the Word Among Us Lenten edition. It includes the Complete Catholic Mass and Daily Mediations from Ash Wed, Mar. 6th through Easter on Apr. 21st

Religious Ed Update-Class for April 7th-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.

New Weekday Mass Cancellation Policy

Please note that if Westby Area Schools cancels for the day or issues a delayed start on account of weather, we **will not** have our regularly scheduled daily Mass.

Parish Announcements

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 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).

Old Palm Collection on Ash Wednesday

Please bring your old palm branches to church on Ash Wednesday. We are collecting them to burn for future year's ashes.

Debt Reduction Collection on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday's collection will be used to offset our parish debt. We have an outstanding debt of \$19171.28. Let's burn that up in the coming year!

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner

Please mark your calendars and join us on **March 30th** from 4-7 PM. Help the Men's Club by posting a flyer, from the back of church, at your place of business or somewhere in the community, or by donating toward supplies (envelopes on the back table) Thank you!

Amazon Smile Refund Received

Thank you to all who are using Amazon Smile. We received our first refund of \$11.01. It may not seem like much, but every little bit helps. So, keep on ordering and we will keep on smiling.

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Have you/or will you have a 50th Wedding Anniv. in 2019?

Since August 2000, the Diocese of La Crosse has sponsored 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating fifty years of marriage anytime during this calendar year. It is a glorious day for these couples who have faithfully lived their wedding vows of fidelity and permanence. If you are celebrating or have celebrated your 50th Wedding anniversary this year, please inform the parish office at 452-3841 or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net.

PCCW Updates

Reflection Assembly

“Morning of Reflection” assembly, March 9 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Assembly goes from 10 AM until noon. Breakfast included, free will offering. St. Mary’s will be donating milk & creamer for this event.

Save the Date

St. Mary’s Spring Luncheon will be April 27th. We will again have a quilt raffle.

DCCW Spring Assembly

The annual assembly will take place in April at St. Peter’s Parish, Middle Ridge (exact date TBD).

Sacraments Notice (Confessions/Anointing)

If you would like to receive confession outside the normal 3:30 PM time on Saturdays or request an anointing, please contact Fr. Matt directly through our website under the Sacraments tab (www.stmarycv.org/sacraments). *The *Sacraments Page* is new to the website and offers an email feature or a phone call from a smartphone.

Helping Hands Needed to Clean the Church

We are in need of a few more people to volunteer to clean the church. There is a schedule posted in the back for sign up. This is a great opportunity to get HS volunteer hours.

Diocesan/Local Announcements:

Mar. 3~Pancake Breakfast

Join our neighboring church for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd from 8 AM-Noon.

Mar. 3~Cabin Fever Fest

St. Peter’s Church, Middle Ridge will be hosting a Euchre Tournament and Luncheon on Sunday, March 3. Doors open at Noon, cards start at 1:00 PM Prizes awarded for 1st-4th. \$10 per person. Includes, soups, snacks and beverages. Questions call Melissa Schaub at 486-4021.

Mar. 3~Ontario Flood Relief

At the Cashton Village Hall, 3-7 PM. Pre-Lent Dance and Country Western Music. Meet U.S. Congress member Ron Kind, reporting of FEMA funds, Mark Smith reporting on the Community Center. Music by TUGG-Johnny Cash Tribute and Pat Walters Band. Raffle: \$1,000 Certificates from Dahl Ford. Food will be served.

Mar. 4~Healing Through Grief Group

Monday, **March 4th** from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, in the Lang Conference Room on the first floor of Mayo hospital. The topic will be “Grieving in the Company

of Happy Family and Fiends.” For more info please call 608.785.0940 ext. 22218.

Mar. 5-April 16~Grief Circle

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, Facilitators: Beth Allen and Jean Pagliaro, Investment: \$25 for entire seven-week, Franciscan Spirituality Center (920 Market St., La Crosse) www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. This group meets for seven weeks and is for those who are grieving the death of someone they loved. It is a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and concerns about what is happening to you. This program is sponsored by the George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation.

Mar. 9-Meatball and Lefsa Supper

12th Annual Supper sponsored by Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church, just off Hwy 162 at S1801 North Stoddard Rd. From 4-7 PM. Supper includes meatballs, lefsa, and all the trimmings-mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, desserts, milk and coffee. \$10 adults, \$5 for children under 12, 5 and under free. To order tickets, call Pastor Fox 608-769-0112 or day of call 608-483-2384.

Mar. 11~Raise Them Well Webinar | Understanding Physical Maturity

Parents: need help to talk with your kids about their changing body? Plan to join us on Monday, March 11th at 7 p.m. for this webinar on physical maturity. The evening’s discussion will equip and give you confidence to talk with your children. The webinar costs \$5. It includes the live event, multiple downloads and access to the post recording. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars.

Mar.16~Overcoming Challenge With Grit & Grace

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Investment: \$40, includes lunch. Register at www.FSCenter.org or 608-791-5295. Please note: This special event will take place in the new education space at Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston St. Keynote speaker will be Sarah Theberge, San Francisco-based author, physician assistant and inspirational speaker. The event also will feature a panel of regional women who will share their inspirational stories.

Mar. 12 & 19~Lenten Activities:

Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering three Lenten Reflection evenings. We invite everyone who is interested to join us. **Tuesdays, March 12 & 19** 6:30-7:30 pm, Parish Center (Preceded by a potluck supper at 5:30. Childcare available at 6:30-7:30). If the Mass has become routine for you – or even boring or tedious – these reflections are for you. Find out how the celebration of Mass can be a fountain of peace for you and a profound refreshment for your soul.

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30-7:30 pm, Parish Center (Preceded by potluck supper at 5:30. Childcare available at 6:30-7:30). *THE HIDDEN POWER OF FACE TIME WITH JESUS – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION* Folks are in such need of spending face time with Jesus at any time of the day, bringing Him their challenges, toils and struggles. If we would only talk to Him – as we would a friend. One pastor called the adoration chapel “the engine room of the Church.” Come and learn how it can you’re your own power house! Questions call 782-2953, ext. 3, or email: musiconlosey@yahoo.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.