



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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September 06, 2026 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 644A

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Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

—✠—
“Where two
or three are
gathered in
my name,
there am
I with them.”

Matthew 18:15-20



Listen. Reconcile. Pray. Together. ♥

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Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
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Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve
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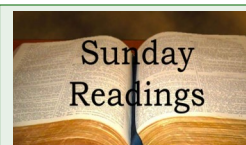
Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



September 6, 2026

- 1) Ezekiel 33:7-9
- 2) Romans 13:8-10
- 3) Matthew 18:15-20

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 05

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass - † Anna Kerska

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, September 06

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass † Kylie Von Ruden

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, September 08

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Adoration 4:30 PM

- 5:15 PM Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, September 10

Weekday

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Roskos and Roningen Families
(living and deceased)

SATURDAY, September 12

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass - † Cole James Berra

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, September 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass † Gavin Williams

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Sep 7 ~ Labor Day
- Sep 13 ~ **Religious Education Parent Information and Registration** after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
~ **St Mary and ABVM Parish Joint Picnic** in Esofea Park at 4:00 PM bring a dish to pass
- Sep 15 ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group in Cashton at Sacred Heart 9:30-11 AM
- Sep 15 ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- Sep 21 ~ Catechetical Sunday
- Sep 29 ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- Oct 1 ~ Advanced Care Planning from 3-4:30 PM in our church hall
- Oct 4 ~ Family Faith Formation Programming for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
- Oct 6 ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group our church hall from 9:30AM-12 PM
~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30-8PM
- Oct 8 ~ Advance Care Planning from 5-7 PM in Viroqua
- Oct 11 ~ **Annual Pancake Breakfast**



Needed last Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$8,392.00 Received as of week 5

(\$1,608.00) Difference for the Month

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Sep 19 or 20, and 26. Oct 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, and 25.

Open Weekdays: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and 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 August 15, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$91,580.00

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		8/30/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,032.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	319.00	Received This Week	\$1,385.00
Total	\$1,351.00	Total needed	\$70,000.00
		YTD Received	\$68,223.68
		Difference	(1,776.32)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Allow me to go through some reflective ramblings this weekend. At this last Wednesday's daily Mass we had one of my favorite Saint Paul readings, from the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter Three. The Church in Corinth was already one of the first really successful church-plants (modern terminology), and since there is nothing new under the sun the established community there was experiencing established community problems. Some of the initial excitement and fervor of a new community and encounter with the Lord had perhaps died back a bit, and now the people were facing a series of challenges. Eventually Saint Paul calls out particular sins needing particular attention, but to begin he calls out the rivalries and jealousies arising within the community – there's a Disciple (follower) of Paul camp and a Disciple of Apollos camp, and they've been going at each other. One of Paul's main messages here comes down to a simple "just stop. I did the work Jesus set out for me. Apollos did the work Jesus set out for him. We were just doing the work Jesus set out for each of us." Anyway, let's hear from the man himself:

"Brothers and sisters," he says, "I could not talk to you as spiritual people, but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ. I fed you milk, not solid food, because you were unable to take it. Indeed, you are still not able, even now, for you are still of the flesh. While there is jealousy and rivalry among you, are you not of the flesh, and walking according to the manner of man? Whenever someone says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not merely men? What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul? Ministers through whom you became believers, just as the Lord assigned each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor. For we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building."

One of the things they don't teach us in seminary is how to serve the particular communities we are going out to – indeed when we're in seminary not even the Church knows which churches each seminarian will serve over the next thirty-seven years. Mundelein certainly didn't know I'd be in Hillsboro and Coon Valley in 2026, so they couldn't be expected to say to me then, "Joe, these are the needs and concerns you'll be facing in eight years." Just so, Paul and Apollos didn't know three months before Paul's letter what needs they'd be facing in three months from the Church in Corinth, but when the need arose Paul arose with the Holy Spirit to address it. This is the same thing the Lord asks of you and me, whether we're regulars at Wonewoc or Viroqua or coming in from the other side of the state – A) to be disciples of Jesus Christ, B) to remember that the person across from us is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and C) to respond to the Holy Spirit in this present moment as He invites us each to respond in this present moment.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Parents are strongly encouraged to join us after Mass in Viroqua on Sunday, September 13 for our Religious Education Parent Meeting and Registration. This important gathering will begin our year of partnering together in the faith formation of our children and youth.

We will introduce our *new family faith formation programming* and provide important information, schedules, and registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and our middle and high school programs. All families with children participating in Religious Education this year should plan to attend and complete registration. Parents of children preparing to receive a sacrament this year are especially asked to be present.

As parents, you are the first and most important teachers of the faith to your children. We look forward to working together as a parish family to help them grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Please contact Pat Obernberger, *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Activities Coordinator*, by email at cre@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org if you have questions or Bridget Goodwin, *St Mary Parish Coordinator of Religious Education* at stmarycvformation@gmail.com

Joint St. Mary/ABVM Parishes Picnic Sunday, September 13 - 4:00 PM

Coon Valley and Viroqua will meet in the middle for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and good old-fashioned fun at the **Esofea Park Shelter**, located off County Road B.

- ⇒ **Please bring:** a potluck dish, side, or dessert to share, along with an appropriate serving utensil; your favorite beverages; camp chairs for gathering around the fire; bug spray, if desired
- ⇒ **Provided:** Pulled pork, hot dogs, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and all the fixings for s'mores!

The covered shelter has plenty of picnic tables for a sit-down meal. Please note that there is only one electrical outlet, so please do not plan on using slow cookers. Esofea Park offers a covered shelter, playground, two charcoal grills, a fire pit, hiking trails, nice restroom facilities, and even a small pond for fishing. **Come join together for good food, fellowship, and an opportunity to build community with our neighbors from both parishes!**



Ladies Vote for your choice of pew fabric!

Our PCCW members have plans to reupholstering our church pews later this year. It is now time to pick the fabric that will be used. Samples of fabric choices to be used are available on the last pew in the back of the church for PCCW members to look at and place their vote for their 1st and 2nd choice. Be sure to consider how the fabric will look with the carpet, pews, and church interior walls. **Voting will be open until September 13** and then a decision on which to use will be decided upon. **Voting is available to all the adult ladies of the parish.**

Parish Announcements *continued*

The Parish Office Is Moving

With Fr. Derek Sakowski soon to be in residence at our parish rectory, the parish office will be moving to the church basement. The transition will take place over the next week, with the office fully moved into the small room at the bottom of the stairs on the parking-lot side of the basement by **September 11**. Please be patient and conscientious with us as we make this transition into our new space. Thank you for your understanding!

Gathered in Grace Mom Group

Gathered in Grace is a local mom group that will focus on spiritual growth through discussion, prayer and plenty of coffee. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11AM starting on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton. The meetings will be rotating between local parishes and will be here on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in October. Children are welcome. While there will be no childcare, we will provide toys and snacks to keep children entertained during our get-togethers. There is no commitment so feel free to attend the weeks and locations you are able. Use the QR code to join the GroupMe group for more information or feel free to call/text Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546 or Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706.



Advance Care Planning Workshops

If you could not speak for yourself, who would you want to make medical decisions for you? What would you want this person to know about your healthcare goals and values? Life is so unpredictable. We never know when an illness or injury will occur. That is why it is extremely important to plan and write your wishes down.

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows you to designate a person to make your healthcare decisions, only if you cannot make them yourself! It allows you to include specific medical treatment options and instructions for your end-of-life care. In collaboration, St. Mary's and The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches will host two free Advance Care Planning Workshops. These workshops will also address Catholic beliefs and assist you in updating or creating your own Advance Care Plan.

Date: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Time: 3-5 pm

**Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church
900 Central Avenue, Coon Valley, Wisconsin**
-Or-

Date: Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

**Location: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin**

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 608-637-7711. You may also **register by email to: stmaryparish@mwt.net** Please include your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Please feel free to invite others. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Healing the Whole Person

Do you want to be healed, to know yourself better, and understand why you do the things you do? This 8 week program from the John Paul II Healing Center is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving

Parish Announcements *continued*

Creator. During this time, you'll begin a journey to **spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness**—entering the sometimes-hidden places of the heart, facing pains and woundedness, and experiencing a deep encounter with the authentic healing love of Jesus Christ.

Sessions are on **Tuesdays evenings in Marian Hall at ABVM in Viroqua from 6:30 to roughly 8 pm starting September 29 and continuing October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24**. This is more than just watching videos – which are beautiful in and of themselves - it includes a book to follow along and journal in, discussion groups as you desire, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and designated Confession, Adoration and prayer team evenings for your spiritual needs.

Cost is \$25 per person, please sign up by contacting the office of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at 400 Congress Ave., Viroqua, WI 54665 and mailing payment to their office. Jenny Leum, ABVM parishioner, will facilitate with help from a caring and experienced team. Questions and registration, call ABVM parish office at 608-637-7711 or email Jenny at jenny@leum.com.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Mass of Hope and Healing - Sept. 8

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tues. Sep. 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. For anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death.

Father and Son Banquet - Sept 9

The Knights of Columbus 3492 of St. Mary's 160 W. Fourth St, Richland Center. Social begins at 6 PM with Dinner at 6:30 PM and final blessing at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20 for Adults, 10 and under are \$15. Reserve a ticket by calling Ed Pulvermacher at 608-647-2450 or Gary Peckham at 608-647-6578. Brochures in the back of the church.

Gardens and Gazing Event: Sept. 12, 2026 5:30 pm–9:00 pm
Location: FSPA Land on St. Joseph Ridge Mississippi Valley Conservancy **Advance registration required by Sep 9 on the website:** <https://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/events/gardens-and-gazing-event>

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.