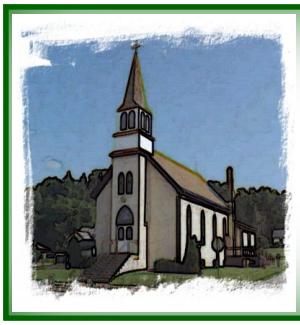


St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh, Assoc. Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

October 4, 2026 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 653A

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Social Media
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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

Due to circumstances beyond our control

No printed bulletin this week, only an electronic copy for the Website has been produced

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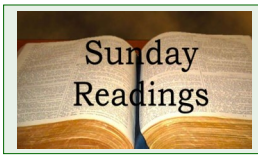
Parish Finance Council
Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council
Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)
Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

Musicians
Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

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



October 04, 2026
1) Isaiah. 5:1-7
2) Philippians 4:6-9
3) Matthew 21:33-43

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 3
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM Mass - † Gary Anderson

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 4
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Verdel, Davind, Brett and Sarah Holte

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, October 6
St. Burno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
- Adoration 4:30 PM
- 5:15 PM Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, October 8
Weekday
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Ursula Werner

SATURDAY, October 10
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM Mass - †

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 11
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM Mass - †

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin
Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler



Needed last Month	
$8,000.00	at $2000 per week
$6,834.25	Received as of week 4
($1,165.75)	Difference for the Month

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : $105,000.00
As of September 25, 2026
Pledges received (30): $109,520.00
Payments received: $82,838.50
(correction from previous posting)
THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **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 7** ~ Church basement organization and cleaning starting at 10 AM
- **Oct 8** ~ Advance Care Planning from 5-7 PM in Viroqua
- **Oct 10** ~ Welcome Father Honoré Kombo, 4 PM Mass
- **Oct 11**~ ***Annual Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM-noon***
- **Oct 11**~ Welcome Father Douglas Robertson 8AM Mass
- **Oct 13** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- ***Oct 18*** ~Family Faith Formation Programming for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 18/19** ~ Annual Appeal Kick-off weekend
- **Oct 21** ~ A Table Together Meal serving 5-7 PM at Coon Valley Lutheran
- **Oct 27** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM
- **Nov 3** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group 9:30 AM-11 PM
  ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30-8PM



Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 10, 11, 17 or 18, and 25. Nov 14, 15, 21 or 22, 28 & 29. Dec open
Open Weekdays: Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27. Nov 3, 17, 24, and 26. Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, and 25.

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.

Giving Last Week			9/27/2026
Adult Env	$1,095.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	218.00	Received This Week	$1,737.00
Pancake Bkft	315.00	Total needed	$78,000.00
Votives	109.00	YTD Received	$75,057.93
Total	**$1,737.00**	Difference	(2,942.07)
Food Pantry	$42.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

In case you weren't in town over the last few weekends, I announced in the East and West that as of Advent 2026 (November 28) we'll be splitting this assignment, with Fr. Emmanuel taking over in Hillsboro and Wonewoc and myself receding to Viroqua and Coon Valley. To sum up that announcement, this has been a potential plan since the beginning, with a 50/50 likelihood of either a longer time under this arrangement or this upcoming change. I started workshopping all this with Fr. Martin, the Bishop, and the Personnel Council when I was told about Fr. Bauer's move somewhere in March or April, and shortly after lining me up as the Pastor Fr. Emmanuel was lined up as the Associate Pastor. I remain grateful for the longer-than-usual leadup they gave us to get ducks in a row and start laying some groundwork before the assignment actually began in July.

Anyhow, when we first started discussing an expansion of my assignment to include Hillsboro and Wonewoc we were trying to make a few things happen: first, to experiment with a new way of handling Pastoral needs over the next few decades – following Jesus' example of going out two by two into the mission field. From the first time I heard Fr. Emmanuel preach in those opening weekends I became excited by the prospect of collaborating with him, of drawing in a fresh perspective to Viroqua and Coon Valley and of working alongside him in Hillsboro and Wonewoc. Second, I knew there would be a significant administrative restructuring needed in Hillsboro and Wonewoc to get a broader base of lay folks contributing to our pastoral ministries, facility work, and programming. My hope in involving myself has been to make Fr. Emmanuel's transition into the Pastor's chair just a bit smoother so he can get right down to the work of shepherding. There are still particular jobs I'm focusing on – especially cemetery/offsite facility management and Council composition – over the next two months. Finally, aware of some of our parishes' histories, I desired to lend a hand in the healing and community-building work that will continue to be needed going ahead. I'm grateful to all of you for your support, understanding, and contributions as we worked through this last transition and prepare for the next one!

Finally for today, a little business – Fr. Emmanuel's home visit is starting up halfway through this next week. We've got priests lined up to cover the weekend Masses he won't be at from October 6-November 14, but our weekday services will be affected by my availability for both clusters. In short, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will not be daily services in Hillsboro and Wonewoc, but we will have a Thursday Mass in Wonewoc at 5:15 (to accommodate my travel) as well as Friday's customary 12:10. Out West, Tuesday through Thursday stay the same, but from October 9 through November 6 there will not be a noon Mass in Viroqua. Funerals may affect this schedule, so I'd suggest you keep your eyes on the bulletin each weekend and we'll share a clear forecasting of who's where when for the week ahead.

God bless you! Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

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.

WORKSHOP FOCUS:
- Address Catholic beliefs and values
- Assist you in updating or creating your own Advance Care Plan.

Session 1:
Date: Thursday, October 1st, 2026
Time: 3-5 pm
Location: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley

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Session 2:
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: Sign up in the back of church, call 608-637-7711, or email stmaryparish@mwt.net. Please include your name, telephone number, and which session you will be attending. **Please feel free** to invite others. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Pancake Breakfast—Sun., Oct. 11

Our **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast** is coming up on **Sunday, October 11, from 7:30 AM–Noon (or until sold out).** Please help us make this important parish fundraiser a success!

Contribution Envelopes: Pancake Breakfast contribution envelopes are available in the back of church **in lieu of selling raffle tickets.** Please pick up your envelope and return your contribution.

Extra Pancake Breakfast flyers are also available in the back of church. Please take one (or more!) and post them at your workplace, a local business, community bulletin board, or anywhere else that will help us spread the word.



PCCW Pancake Breakfast Assignments:
- ◊ **St. Rose Guild** – Set-up
- ◊ **St. Theresa Guild** – Kitchen/Dining Room
- ◊ **St. Catherine Guild** – Bake Sale & Quilt Ticket Sales
- ◊ **St. Cecelia Guild** – Cleanup

All ladies of the parish are asked to bring **$15 worth of baked goods or garden produce, or donate $15 to PCCW.** Guild chairs will be calling for donations and volunteers to help work at the Pancake Breakfast.

Men of the Parish: Please sign up to help with the Pancake Breakfast on the **sign-up sheet in the back of church.** Your help is greatly appreciated!

CCD/Religious Education Students: Students are asked to help in the dining room by **clearing used place settings and setting places for the next guests.**

Thank you for pitching in and helping make this a wonderful parish and community event!

Parish Announcements *continued*



Mass Intentions Father Emmanuel is going to be visiting his family in Ghana from mid-October through mid-November, and would like to bring some Mass intentions along with him to offer while he is gone. The suggested donation for a Mass intention in our Diocese is $20.00. If you have any intentions that you would like offered by Father Emmanuel while he is gone, please reach out to the parish office.

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Religious Education Registration
If you were unable to make the registration on Sept 13, please contact email Pat Obernberger from *Annunciation of the BVM Parish,* cre@abvmviroqua.diolcparish.org or Bridget Goodwin, *St Mary Parish Coordinator of Religious Education* at stmarycvformation@gmail.com

Viroqua Annual Fall Dinner – October 21, 2026 Annunciation Parish in Viroqua will hold their annual fall dinner that Wednesday afternoon. Mark your calendars to join, and if you are interested in helping out with the Fall Dinner (setup, gametime, or cleanup) reach out to Julie Moore at juliemoore29@gmail.com.

Diocesan and Local Announcements

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat for Traumatic Pregnancy Loss - Oct. 9-11
A weekend retreat for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. For details on the retreat, which will be held in the La Crosse area, call Amy at 608.860.6698 or contact by email: Hope4U@diolc.org. To learn about Rachel Ministries, visit https://diolc.org/rachelministries/

Sauerkraut Supper - Wed. October 14, 4:00 to 7:30pm, St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge. $16 per person. Includes: Church -made sauerkraut and pork, Polish sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, and homemade pie. Raw sauerkraut is available for $5 (2.5 lbs). Also has a beverage tent with entertainment, Bake sale, and Raffles.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference
Join the Queen of the Americas Guild for a 2-day conference examining Our Lady's role as Compassionate Mother to All That Live Together in This Land. Open to all those who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic.
Date: October 16 and 17, Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cost: $125

Diocesan/Local Announcement *continued*

Respect Life Month (October)
October is Respect Life Month. Catholic Charities offers free, confidential pregnancy and parenting support and adoptions services. For pregnancy support, call 1-884-64GRACE (1-888644-7223) or text715-600-6391. For adoption information, call 1-888-212-4357.

40 Days for Life From Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood in La Crosse, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please go to https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse or contact Marie Allen at 608-799-9196. Our opening rally is Sunday, Sept. 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 Losey Blvd. S. in La Crosse. All are invited.

Venezuela Earthquake Devastation Continues - Catastrophic
The tragic death toll in Venezuela now stands at more than 6300, with about 73,300 hospitalized, and tens of thousands still missing, in the wake of the two catastrophic earthquakes on June 24. Please donate to the Church's relief efforts if you can, through the Pontifical Mission Societies. Visit the diocesan website (diolc.org) and click on the banner, or scan the QR code on the right.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!
Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!
Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th • 7:30 AM—NOON

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

$10.00
PER ADULT
$5.00
KIDS 6-12

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

St. Mary Parish
900 Central Ave
Coon Valley

Our famous pancake topping bar includes:

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter

