



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



April 26, 2026 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | Reading 556A

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Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



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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
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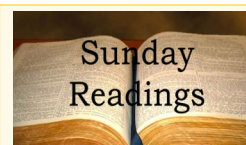
Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



April 26, 2026
 1) Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41
 2) 1 Peter 2:20-25
 3) John 10:1-10

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

-4:00 pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

-8:00 am Mass - † Mary Louise Starch
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, April 28

St. Peter Chanel and St Louis Grignon de Montfort

- 4:30-5:00 pm Adoration
 - 5:15 pm Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, April 30

St. Pius V

- 8:00 am Mass - † Betty Callan

SATURDAY, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-4:00 pm Mass - For the People
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:00 am Mass - † John Ritter
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Apr 22-28** ~ Amy on PTO, parish office is closed.
- **Apr 22** ~ Reconciliation 6-7 PM in Viroqua for 1st Communicants.
- **Apr 25** ~ 1st Communicants Retreat 10AM-3PM at the Leum Residence.
 ~ **PCCW Spring Luncheon** 11 AM-1PM
- **Apr 26** ~ **1st Communion** during 8 AM Mass
- **Apr 28** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **Apr 30** ~ **Confirmation** in Viroqua with Bishop Battersby at 6:30 PM
- **May 3** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) Guest Speaker in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass and Journey Board Presentation
- **May 5** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 9/10** ~ Rose Sale to support WI Right to Life, suggested donation \$2-3 per rose.
- **May 12** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 17** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) End of the year Party
- **May 19** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 20** ~ Anniversary of the installation of Bishop Gerard Battersby as La Crosse's 11th Bishop.
- **May 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **May 26** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 31** ~ May celebration for First Communicants, Confirmation Student and Graduate.
 ~ Parish Social by all the PCCW Guilds

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun full. Jul 4, 12, 19, 25 and 26.

Open Weekdays: May 7, 12, 19, 26 and 28. Jun 2, 16, 25 & 30. Jul 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, & 30.

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 April 20, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$75,623.50 (72.02%)
THANK YOU!

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

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 4/20/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,625.00	\$15,726.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
Over Target	\$4,060.00	\$1,161.69

Percent Pledged: 127.88% , Percent Received: 107.98%

Number Contributing: 27

To donate online, visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley

THANK YOU!
WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL WITH PAYMENTS!



Needed this Month
\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week
\$9,045.19 Received as of week 3
\$1,045.19 Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		4/19/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,845.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	272.25	Received This Week	\$2,217.25
Total	\$2,217.25	Total needed	\$32,000.00
Rice Bowl	12.70	YTD Received	\$32,660.68
Food Pantry	\$34.00	Difference	660.68

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Toward the end of the academic year here, I want to take a minute to give you some updates on a few guys who have been or soon will be known around our parishes. I was thinking the other day that, while I get to hear a lot about the follow-up with some of these folks, you might not. So anyway, here are some updates:

- Our 2023 summer seminarian **John Francis** was out just a few weeks ago for Viroqua's Passion Play. John came out for that rainy windy night and shared that he's getting ready to go down to Casa Hogar (our mission down in Peru) for the summer for some Spanish immersion work and to serve for a few months with Msgr. Hirsch. I haven't done the math yet to see if our parishioners are going to cross paths with him – we'll let the Holy Spirit coordinate that. He recently led the seminary basketball team to victory in an 18-seminary tournament, trounced Fr. Brandon Guenther at the Birkebeiner, and back in March was instituted as Lector (a formal step on the way to ordination). This is just about his halfway mark in formation.
- I mentioned my own assignment additions over the last few weeks, but our 2024 summer seminarian is getting his own new assignment this summer too. Now-Fr. **Matthew** is heading to Loyal, Willard, and Greenwood to replace our incoming Associate Fr. Emmanuel. Pray for Fr. Matthew as he steps into pastoral leadership – he's ready for it!
- We may be hearing this summer from one of our Viroqua natives who's becoming a missionary with FOCUS – **Nick Schneider**. This is an exciting thing for us – while there can be tremendous grace in receiving the presence and work of a missionary from outside (a priest/pastor fits that card), it reflects the vitality of a place differently to send missionaries out to serve elsewhere. This has been the model of the Church for 2000 years, to follow Jesus to the next town over sharing the good news.
- Finally, this summer we'll be receiving another summer seminarian, **Levi Spaeth**. Levi has been in formation for a few years now after coming to seminary a little but not much later in life. I already gave him and La Crosse vocations boss Fr. Weller a warning that this summer will look a bit out-of-the-ordinary, and he's ready to jump in for the ride. Levi will hopefully be joining us part time halfway through May then fairly fulltime in June and July.

God bless you all, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

First Communion Sunday



With joyful hearts we announce
our First Communicants on this
26th day of April 2026

Dawsen Palmer

Dawsen was baptized at here at St. Mary Parish on August 24, 2017. He is the son of Aaron D. Palmer and Kelly (Welper) Palmer.

Onyx Mae Ritter

Onyx was baptized at here at St. Mary Parish on November 25, 2023. She is the daughter of Long Yang and Stephanie Ann Ritter.

May the Month of Mary - Rosary before Mass

May Rosary: May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, the rosary will be recited 20 minutes before the weekend masses in May. Please make an effort to join us. Thanks!

Mother's Day Rose Sale: Honor your Mother the weekend of May 11th & 12th with a rose! The PCCW is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after both masses. A \$2-\$3 donation per rose is requested, with all proceeds going to Wisconsin Right To Life.

PCCW Spring Luncheon Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Luncheon and made it such a special day. A heartfelt note of gratitude to John Zak for his engaging and inspiring presentation on faith and science — his wisdom and experience were greatly appreciated by all.

DCCW Collection Follow Up

Thank you for your supporting last weekend's special collection for the DCCW! Your contributions make a real difference for the many worthwhile programs they fund. *Envelopes remain available at the back of the church for anyone who would still like to give.*

Save the date - Join Viroqua PCCW for another Ladies Night Out on Sunday, **May 3** at Old Towne Inn at 5:30 pm. All women of both the Viroqua & Coon Valley parishes are invited. A limited menu will be offered. We'll be honoring Joyce Humfeld and thanking her for her nearly 10 years as our parish PCCW president!

Parish Announcements *continued*

Sacrament of Confirmation

Receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit

April 30th • 6:30 PM

We are pleased to share that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for members of our parish on **Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 PM** at **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish** in Viroqua.

Please keep in your prayers our candidates

Colton Hess
Nathaniel Steiger
Adam Steiner

as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their faith.

Presided over by Bishop Gerard W. Battersby

Parish Announcements *continued*

city where St. Francis helped provide a well for clean water, and work at a coffee plantation. There is also a wish list of items they could use in Uganda. If you have any questions please contact Clarice Kammel.

Copies of both wish lists are located in the back of the church if you would like to donate. All donations can be placed in the designated boxes in the back of the church or given to those traveling on these mission trips.

Activity Corner

Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ¹²□, I say to ⁹□, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but ¹¹□ over elsewhere is a ⁵□ and a robber. But whoever ²□ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹□ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰□ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸□ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³□. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴□ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷□, the Pharisees did not ⁶□ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

All are Welcome to attend - May 3 in Viroqua

Join our Religious Education parents and students for a special presentation by Ann Langford on Sunday, May 3, following Mass in Viroqua. Experience a prayerful way of engaging Sacred Scripture, where the Holy Spirit helps connect the passage to your own life. Whether you've never opened a Bible or spend time with Scripture each day, this approach is for you. This simple and meaningful way of praying with Scripture is known as *Lectio Divina*.

Diocese to Celebrate Wedding Anniversary by Decades

The Diocese has updated how wedding anniversaries are celebrated. Couples marking milestone anniversaries (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years) will now be invited to "*Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life*," a special Mass with Bishop Battersby followed by photos and a simple reception. Couples celebrating 50th, 60th, and 70th anniversaries will also receive a certificate and letter by mail. **If 2026 or 2027 is a decade year for you, please contact the parish office to ensure your wedding date is in our records so you receive an invitation.**

Gathered in Grace (Moms Group)- Driftless Region

Mom Group starting for local parishes. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace - Driftless Region" for more information. We will gain interest from the community and begin meeting once a week in September. If you have any questions, feel free to text/call Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706 or Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546. Scan the QR code to join the group with no obligation.



Casa Hogar and Uganda Missions

Several parishioners will be traveling on mission trips through the Diocese of La Crosse Mission Office. From **May 12-17** several parishioners from both Coon Valley and Viroqua are going to Casa Hogar. They will be spending time with the students and completing some painting that is needed. Casa Hogar has created a wish list of things they could use. If you have any questions you may contact Steve Schulte or any others who are going.

From **July 21-August 6** Mike and Clarice Kammel will be traveling with a group to Uganda. They will be spending time at Our Lady of Guadalupe School with Sr. Salome. There they will assemble and distribute essential food bags, visit the

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.