

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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September 27, 2026 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 653A

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Parish Office Hours
Varies—call ahead for appointment

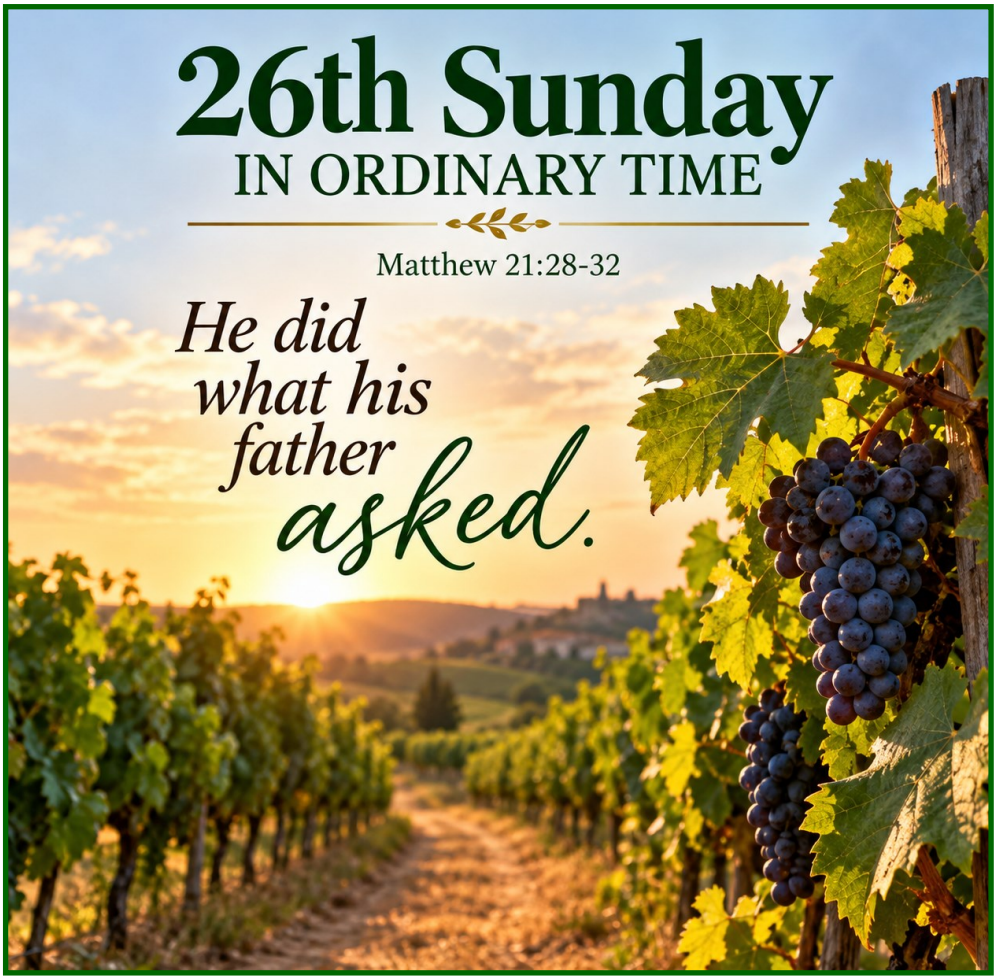
MASS SCHEDULE

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



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

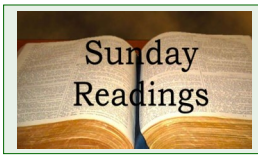
Parish Pastoral Council
Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve Schulte

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



September 27, 2026
1) Ezekiel 18:25-28
2) Phillipians 2:1-11
3) Matthew 21:28-32

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 26
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM Mass † John and Maria Rabotski
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, September 27
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM Mass - The priests of our Diocese, that God may grant them continued strength, wisdom, and joy in their ministry.
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin
Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, September 29
SS Micharl, Garbriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Adoration 4:30 PM
- 5:15 PM Mass - The conversion of sinners and their return to God's mercy

THURSDAY, October 1
St. Therese of the Child of Jesus
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Cole James Berra

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



Needed this Month	
$8,000.00	at $2000 per week
$5,097.25	Received as of week 3
($2,902.75)	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

- **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 7** ~ Church basement organization and cleaning starting at 10 AM
- **Oct 8** ~ Advance Care Planning from 5-7 PM in Viroqua
- **Oct 11**~ ***Annual Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM-noon***
- **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			9/20/2026
Adult Env	$1017.25	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	318.00	Received This Week	$1,490.25
Pancake Bkft	155.00	Total needed	$76,000.00
Total	**$1,490.25**	YTD Received	$73,320.93
		Difference	(2,679.07)

From the Pastor

Friends,

First thing for this week, a note on scheduling. Fr. Emmanuel has been working out details for his home visit for a while, trying to nail down still-pricey-but-not-ridiculous airline tickets back to Ghana, and has it nailed down to October 6-November 14. I'm getting priest coverage lined up to make sure weekend Masses go ahead as scheduled, but an FYI that we'll see daily Masses affected in both our clusters – I hope to have that full breakdown ready to go for next weekend's bulletin, so keep your eyes peeled.

Second, a note on Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Last week we celebrated one of my own patron saints, Padre Pio, an Italian Franciscan whose years on this earth overlapped with some of our own. We've got another recent holyman too, with Venerable Fulton Sheen becoming Blessed (almost-Saint) Fulton Sheen this last Thursday. With 2000 years of history, many of our Saints lived long before our longest-tenured parishioners were born – I think that, along with the powerful example of 1,900 years of pre-us Saints, there's something relatable about Saints who lived during our own lifetimes, and Fulton Sheen's roots in Illinois add yet another layer to that relatability. As we celebrate Archbishop Fulton Sheen and ask for his intercession I'd like to share a few quotes from this very quotable guy:

- "We become like that which we love. If we love what is base, we become base; but if we love what is noble we become noble."
- "I was once talking in a church, and a baby began to cry, and the mother took the babe out, and as she was on the way I said, 'Madam, the child is not bothering me.' She said, 'no, you're bothering the child.'"
- "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."
- "Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbors that all his pictures are crooked."
- "You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people."
- "When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women."
- "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."
- And one of my favorites, "Hearing nuns' confessions is like being stoned to death with popcorn."

Anyway, thank you to Youtube for making Blessed Fulton Sheen even more accessible.

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*



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 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.**

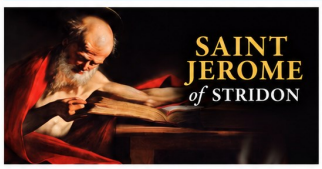
Cost is $25 per person, please sign up by contacting the office of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at 400 Congress Ave., Viroqua, WI 54665 and mailing payment to their office. Jenny Leum, ABVM parishioner, will facilitate with help from a caring and experienced team. Questions and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

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This Week on FORMED
Week of September 27, 2026



St. Therese | Littlest Saints
Discover St. Therese's beautiful "little" answer to the question: Which flower in Jesus' garden is the best?



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints
Meet the great Church Father who translated the Bible into Latin and taught, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



Who Are the Archangels?
Learn about the archangels and the important role they play in our faith and our lives.

FORMED is free to our parishioners!
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish.

Parish Announcements *continued*

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

Diocesan/Local Announcement *continued*

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.

Oct. 16 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet

On Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with speaker Fr. Justin Kizewski. All are invited to attend this special evening. Visit diolc.org/gospeloflife to learn more. Registration opens on Wednesday, Sept. 9, and the deadline is Friday, Oct. 9.

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

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

