

St. Mary's Parish

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Local Parishes—Mass Times

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 submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

- 1) Wisdom 9:13-18b
- 2) Philemon 9-10, 12-17
- 3) Luke 14:25-33

FOCUS: To be a disciple we must carry our cross and follow him.

The cost of discipleship is real. To love Christ above family, self, possessions – this is difficult! And that is the cross we are to carry: the difficulty of prioritizing Christ when it would be easier not to. After all, what else is there? Only the cross. We carry our cross to become like the Master who carried his cross to death, victory and redemption.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In our first reading we learn that knowing God's ways and plans comes only through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In today's epistle, Paul urges Philemon to be merciful to his runaway slave, who served Paul in prison, and accept him back not as a slave but a brother. In the Gospel Jesus tells the crowds what is required to be his disciple: placing discipleship above relationships, possessions and their own lives.



Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Sept. 7	After 4 PM Mass	Religious Education Student, Parent and Catechist Meeting
Sept. 8	9:15 AM Mass	Visiting priest, Fr. Matt covering for the pastor of the Hmong parish
Sept. 10	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting and Men's Club Meeting
Sept. 15	9:15 AM Mass	Visiting priest, Fr. Matt covering for the pastor of the Hmong parish
Sept. 22	After Mass	First Religious Education Class for the School Year
Oct. 13		Our Annual <i>Pancake Breakfast</i>

Giving Last Week		Week 34	9/1/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$913.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$118.75	Received This Week	\$1,156.75
Votive Lights	\$125.00	Running total Needed	\$49,500.00
Total	\$1,156.75	Running total Received	\$53,800.26
32 of 115 Sunday env.		Difference	4,300.26
Rel Ed Reg.	\$105.00		

Mass Intentions		
We have the following dates available for the next few months: Sept 18, & 27. Oct 1, 11, 15, 16, 18, 22, 25, 29 & 30. Nov 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29.		
Please use the <i>Mass Intention Envelopes</i> located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.		
Sept. 7	4:00 PM	†Anna Kerska
Sept. 8	9:15 AM	†Gavin Williams
Sept. 10	6:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sept. 11	8:00 AM	†Sarah Holte
Sept. 13	8:00 AM	†Josephine Sedevie
Sept. 14	4:00 PM	†Frank Sedevie
Sept. 15	9:15 AM	†Jennette Bell

Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you.		
	Sat., Sep. 14 4:00 PM	Sun., Sep. 15 9:15 AM
Servers:	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Reader (s):	Robert Kerska	Keith Kenyon
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Gajewski	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Volunteers	Mark Boland and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Laura Wiczorek and Curt Horman	

Parish Announcements

Our Pancake Breakfast set for October 13th!

As we have for the last several years, we are taking up a collection to support our Breakfast. Envelopes are in the back of church for each registered family, pick yours up today. Thank you for your generosity.

Important PCCW and Men's Club Meetings

There will be a PCCW (St. Mary's Ladies Club) and a Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00pm in the church basement. All women and men of the parish are encouraged to attend as we will be planning for the fall parish pancake breakfast.

Rosery Before Wednesday Morning Mass

A daily Mass goer has generously offered to lead the Rosary before Wednesday's daily Mass each week. The prayer will begin around 7:40 AM and conclude just before Mass starts. All are welcome to join!

Total Needed Weekly Increase

After review by the Council, it has been concluded that to stay solvent the amount needed in collection each week must be increased. We have not had an increase for several years, and based on last fiscal years operating costs, the new amount is \$1,900.00. St. Mary's appreciates your continued support and we hope and pray that we are able to provide a place of spiritual renewal and guidance for all who enter our doors. We are also looking into other options for giving such as ACH. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Religious Education Registration Now Open

It's that time again! Registration Forms have been mailed to registered households with school age children. Parents, students, and catechists, please mark your calendars. We will have a meeting **Saturday, September 7th following the 4 PM Mass**. First day of class is Sunday, September 22nd following the 9:15 AM Mass.

IF YOU ARE NEW to the parish or not a registered family and would like your child(ren) to attend our Religious Education program there are blank forms in the back of church or visit our website: www.stmaryscv.org/religious-education

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ

A good way to grow in your relationship with Jesus is to read and ponder who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Reading through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 15 minutes per day, 5 days a week is a great way to do this. Those who sign up will receive an email with the schedule for the upcoming two weeks. We begin Monday, Sept. 16th and end mid-June with a week off for Thanksgiving and two weeks off for Christmas. If you are interested, send an email to Ann Lankford, Director for Catechesis and Evangelization at alankford@diolc.org with "Reading the Catechism" in the subject line. Every year, over 100 people participate.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Hiring

Know of someone who would like to work in one of the most beautiful places around, where we celebrate Mass every day, and the joy of greeting pilgrims is incredibly rewarding? Then let them know we're hiring at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe! We're currently hiring for several positions, both full and part-time, including: Director of Development, Director of Volunteers, Director of Building and Grounds, and Data Entry Clerk. Visit their website at: <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/about/employment>

Knutson Library is offering new programming this fall.

On Monday, September 16th at 1:30 PM we will begin a series of free social programs for those suffering memory loss and their caregivers. Join us for coffee, conversation, and activities designed for people of all ages and abilities. These "Memory Connections" programs will be held on the third Monday of each month in the library reading room.

Sep. 9~Good Grief: Healing While Grieving

A facilitated support group for people experiencing the pain of loss. At Franciscan Healthcare, 700 West Ave. So, Hospital Building, Lang Conference Rm, 1st Floor. Alternating Mondays, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Topic **Sept. 9** is "Anamnesis: Rituals of Remember-ing." For info call 608-785-0940, ext: 22218

Sept. 9~US Bishops Call for Annual Day of Prayer for Peace and an end to Racism

Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, has called for an annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. He wrote, "St. Peter Claver is a model for us in understanding that hard work and perseverance is required to combat the sin of racism and build community; we must begin and end this effort in prayer together, even as we seek to act in concrete ways."

Gardener-Cook Employment Opportunity

St Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, seeks to hire a full-time Gardener and Cook. The successful candidate will not only oversee the work of staff and volunteers in tending the existing garden at St. Anthony Spirituality Center - from planning and planting to harvesting and using the harvest - but also plan and implement ways to produce additional food on-site. The Gardener and Cook will also share responsibility with current kitchen staff for planning, preparing, and serving meals and snacks to St. Anthony's guests, residents, staff, and volunteers. For more information or to apply for this position, contact Center Director, Dr. Lori Randall, at 715-443-2236, ext 114, or randall@sarcenter.com.

Sep. 12~MMOC Chicken-Que

Thursday, September 12th. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call 608-518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse.

Sep. 13~Rural Life Day Mass and Celebration

Plan to attend this year's celebration on Friday, Sept. 13th, hosted by Otter Creek Farms located at 6608 Cty Rd A, Pittsville, WI 54466. Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a program and meal. This day is set aside to highlight the uniqueness of rural life values and to rejoice in the way that rural life contributes to the Church at large.

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Sept 12-15~Grow in Faith Together as a Married Couple

Experience a more joy-filled marriage. Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on September 12-15th. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today at: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/. For more information, call 608-791-2673. Financial scholarships are available.

Sept. 14~Bus Trips to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson

Sept. 14, *A Christmas Story-The Musical* Nov. 9. \$95.00/person; reduced rates for Children-who are welcome, Bus, Lunch, Show and Goodies on the bus. Call Arlene Young 788-3440.

Sept. 19~Health Online: Finding Information You Can Trust

On Thursday, September 19th at 2:00 PM Knutson Library will be having a program called **Health Online: Finding Information You Can Trust** put on by Wisconsin Health Literacy. You can find anything on the internet easily; however, not everything on the web is reliable and accurate. How can you be sure that the health information you need is reliable? This free workshop is designed to help you use the internet to find good, reliable health information. Each participant will get to use an iPad during the program to practice searching for health information. Participants can also bring their own laptops or tablets to use during the program. To register for this program either give the library a call at 452-3757 or email us at cvlib@wrlsweb.org.

Sept. 22~Fall Diner

St. Mary's in Bangor will be hosting its annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, September 22 from 11:00 to 1:30. Ham, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, coleslaw, pickles, homemade bread, pie and bars will be served. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 11, 5 and under are free.

Sept. 22 ~ Euchre at the Ridge History Park

Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 pm., \$5 to play and lunch available for donation. Please reserve your spot **by Sept. 16**. Text or Call: 608-783-6745. Euchre will be cancelled if there is not enough interest.

Oct. 1~Aging Cafe

October 1, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Presenters: Erica G. Srinivasan, Cameron Kiersch, Jackie Yaeger, M.D. Investment: Suggested donation of \$10. Register: www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. An Aging Café is an opportunity for community members of all ages to gather together to explore the subject of aging. We all age, but we don't always have outlets to talk about it. Inspired by the Death Café movement, we seek to have open-ended conversations that normalize the aging process and allow us to explore various topics related to aging, such as quality of life, hopes and fears as we age, activism, caregiving, spirituality and more!

Oct. 6~La Crosse Life Chain 2019

The Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM and begin on the corners of Losey

Blvd and La Crosse St and will go south on Losey as far as the chain extends. Please come and provide a witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Signs will be provided (suggested donation \$0.50 per person, \$1 for family)

Oct. 13~The Rosary Coast to Coast

The Rosary Coast to Coast for the La Crosse area will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 839 in front of Blessed Sacrament Parish on the corner of King Street and Losey Blvd at 3:00 pm on October 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Kent Stein at kent.stein@icloud.com or 608-406-5904. See flyer posted in back.

Divorce Recovery

Meets Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. October 14-December 2. Facilitator: Audrey Lucier. Investment: \$25 for eight sessions, includes workbook. Register: www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. This group meets for eight weeks and offers support and a path for healing from divorce, separation or the end of a long-term romantic relationship. The negative emotions that accompany divorce can be overwhelming. Anger, anxiety, regrets and resentments can make it difficult to deal with the challenges of rebuilding your life. In this group, we will learn practices based in self-compassion to help you heal, forgive and form new loving relationships.

Oct 26~Build up Father/Son Bonds

The 2019 Men of the Cross Conference theme is The Father's Way. A special rate is being offered for Father-Son attendees. Held in La Crosse on Saturday, October 26, this year's keynote speaker will be Steve Ray, a dynamic convert sure to engage men of all ages. For more details and to register, go to menofthecross.org.

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (clergy, employee, religious, vendors or volunteers). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608.519.8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

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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.

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>](mailto: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>](http://www.cclse.org).