

St. Mary's Parish

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The Seventh 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:

Tuesday - 6:00 PM

Wednesday and Friday - 8:00 AM

(If Westby School District closes due to weather, weekday Mass will be canceled)

Area Parishes:

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 contact Fr. Matt to register for Baptism preparation. Preparation should be completed before the birth of your child, if possible.

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, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

- 1) 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- 3) Luke 6:27-38

*Living a Life of Love,
Mercy & Forgiveness*

luke 6:27-38

FOCUS: *Jesus challenges us to act with love.*

Being a Christian – truly following Jesus – isn't easy. Today's Gospel is a reminder of that fact. Jesus describes what it means to act with love. He challenges us to do what seems humanly impossible: to love our enemies and forgive those who hurt us. These are not easy tasks! Only with the help of Jesus can we truly do what he commands.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, David does not allow anyone to harm Saul when they have the opportunity to do so, and makes it clear to Saul's troops what he did. In Corinthians, Paul describes Jesus as the second Adam, the spiritual man. Jesus, in the Gospel, explains to his disciples all that the commandment "to love" entails.

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
As of 02/22/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,725.00	\$11,150.00
Target Amount	\$11,405.00	\$11,405.00
Over/Under	\$1,320.00	(\$255.00)
Percent Pledged: 111.57%, Percent Received: 97.76%		
Number Contributing	38	
<p>WE MET OUR GOAL WITH PLEDGES! Thank you for your generosity! Please continue to pay on the pledges. Once we cross the goal threshold on monies paid, we will begin to get refunds!</p>		

Giving Last Week		Week 7	2/17/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$947.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$155.00	Received This Week	\$1,155.00
Catholic Life	\$53.00	Running total Needed	\$9,800.00
Total	\$1,155.00	Running total Received	\$10,772.18
28 of 115 Sunday env. received		Difference	972.18



Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's.		
	Saturday, Mar 2, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Mar 3, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	McCauley's
Reader:	Jeana LeJeune	Pat Baranczyk
Communion Minister:	Virginia Nerison	Sue Humfeld
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Dave Humfeld and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Willy Urbanek and Loree Nickelotti	

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next couple of months: **March**-12, 15, 19, 22, 24, 26, 27, & 30; **April**-5, 9, 16; **May**-1, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 21, 22, 24, 26, & 28
Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Feb. 23	4:00 PM	†Larry and Myrtle Geier
Feb. 24	9:15 AM	†Ted and Hilda Ollendick and Bette Fleming
Feb. 26	6:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Feb. 27	8:00 AM	†Burton Ekern
Mar. 1	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Mar. 2	4:00 PM	†Gary and Scott Hohlfeld
Mar. 3	9:15 AM	†Ted and Hilda Ollendick and Bette Fleming

Upcoming Events/Calendar

Feb. 24	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Feb 28-Mar 1		Fr. Matt gone to Mundelein Seminary for meetings in Chicago
Mar 1	8:00 AM	NO Mass
Mar. 3	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar 5	Following Mass	Parish Council Meeting
Mar 6	8 AM and 6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Services
Mar 9/10		First Sunday of Lent
Mar 10	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 12	6:00 PM	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Mar 12	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting
Mar 17	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 24	Following Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 30		St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper hosted by the Men's Club
Mar 31	Following Mass	NO Religious Education Classes

Parish Announcements

Old Palm Collection on Ash Wednesday

Please bring your old palm branches to church on Ash Wednesday. We are collecting them to burn for future year's ashes.

NO MASS this Friday, March 1, 2019

Fr. Matt has meetings at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago.

Debt Reduction Collection on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday's collection will be used to offset our parish debt. We have an outstanding debt of \$19171.28. Let's burn that up in the coming year!

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Supper

In this bulletin is the flyer for the upcoming supper. Please mark your calendars and join us on **March 30th**. Then, post the flyer at your place of business or somewhere in the community. Thank you!

Amazon Smile Refund Received

Thank you to all who are using the Amazon Smile. We received our first refund this past week of \$11.01. It may not seem like much, but every little bit helps. So, keep on ordering and we will keep on smiling.

Thank You

On behalf of the Vernon County Food Pantry, we would like to say a big "THANK YOU" for your recent donation of \$701.00. It is because of generous gifts like yours that enable us to keep helping those in need in our area.

With much appreciation, *Pastor Gary Daines and The Food Pantry*

Free Poinsettias

If you have a green thumb and would like to nurture a poinsettia as it begins to grow new shoots, help yourself to as many as you want. Poinsettias are located in the confessional area. Any remaining after March 3 will be thrown.

New Weekday Mass Cancellation Policy

Please note that if Westby Area Schools cancels for the day or issues a delayed start on account of weather, we **will not** have our regularly scheduled daily Mass.

Have you/ or will you have a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2019?

Since August 2000, the Diocese of La Crosse has sponsored 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating fifty years of marriage anytime during this calendar year. It is a glorious day for these couples who have faithfully lived their wedding vows of fidelity and permanence. If you are celebrating or have celebrated your 50th Wedding anniversary this year, please inform the parish office at 452-3841 or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net.

PCCW Updates

Thank You and Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Humfeld for serving as the PCCW President for the past 5 years, and welcome Clarice Kammel as the new PCCW President.

Catholic Woman's Retreat

"Call to Holiness" A Catholic Women's Retreat, Saturday March 2, 2019, St. Mary's Community Center, Altoona, WI. Please join us for an elegant luncheon and an uplifting one-day conference to refresh your soul. Embracing Your Call to Holiness. Cost is \$25.00 (if register by Feb. 16) or \$35. Registration forms are available in the back of church or online at: <http://www.ldccw.org>

Reflection Assembly

"Morning of Reflection" assembly, March 9 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Assembly goes from 8 AM until noon. Breakfast included, free will offering. St. Mary's will be donating milk & creamer for this event.

Save the Date

St. Mary's Spring Luncheon will be April 27th. We will again have a quilt raffle.

DCCW Spring Assembly

The annual assembly will take place in April at St. Peter's Parish, Middle Ridge (exact date TBD).

Sacraments Notice (Confessions/Anointing)

If you would like to receive confession outside the normal 3:30 PM time on Saturdays or request an anointing, please contact Fr. Matt directly through our website under the Sacraments tab (www.stmarycv.org/sacraments). *The *Sacraments Page* is new to the website and offers an email feature or a phone call from a smartphone.

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Helping Hands Needed to Clean the Church

We are in need of a few more people to volunteer to clean the church. There is a schedule posted in the back for sign up. This is a great opportunity to get HS volunteer hours.

Diocesan/Community Announcements:

Feb. 24~Pancake Breakfast

This Sunday from 8-11AM at St. Joseph Ridge Parish in the School Hall. All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and beverage. \$7 for adults, \$5 children 5-12, Under 5 free. Bake sale and cash raffle.

St. Patrick's Parish Mission

"Come to the Mountains" An invitation to Encounter God. Presenter: Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM
Located at: 1031 Main St, Onalaska, WI 54650.

Sunday, Feb. 24 6:30-8:00 pm

Monday, Feb. 25 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday Feb. 26 6:30-8:00 pm

with refreshments following. Also, feel free to join us during the week, Monday 8:00 Morning Mass and Tuesday 8:05 Morning Mass with School.

Feb. 26~Movie Showing ~ UNPROTECTED

The documentary movie UNPROTECTED *A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos* will be shown at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 S. Losey Blvd. in La Crosse, on Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 PM. The first showing at Marcus Cinema was sold out. Highly recommended for HS students and older. No tickets needed. Free will offering accepted. Sponsored by V-Hawks for Life.

Mar. 3~Pancake Breakfast

Join our neighboring church for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd.

Mar. 3~Cabin Fever Fest

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge will be hosing a Euchre Tournament and Luncheon on Sunday, March 3. Doors open at Noon, cards start at 1:00 PM Prizes awarded for 1st-4th. \$10 per person. Includes, soups, snacks and beverages. Questions call Melissa Schaub at 486-4021.

Mar. 3~Ontario Flood Relief

At the Cashton Village Hall, 3-7 PM. Pre-Lent Dance and Country Western Music. Meet U.S. Congress member Ron Kind, reporting of FEMA funds, Mark Smith reporting on the Community Center. Music by TUGG-Johnny Cash Tribute and Pat Walters Band. Raffle: \$1,000 Certificates from Dahl Ford. Food will be served.

Mar. 4~Healing Through Grief Group

Monday, **March 4th** from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, in the Lang Conference Room on the first floor of Mayo hospital. The topic will be "Grieving in the Company of Happy Family and Friends." For more info please call 608.785.0940 ext. 22218.

Mar. 5-April 16~Grief Circle

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, Facilitators: Beth Allen and Jean Pagliaro, Investment: \$25 for entire seven-week, Franciscan Spirituality Center (920 Market St., La Crosse) www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. This group meets for seven weeks and is for those who are grieving the death of someone they loved. It is a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and concerns about what is happening to you. This program is sponsored by the George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation.

Mar. 9-Meatball and Lefsa Supper

12th Annual Supper sponsored by Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church, just off Hwy 162 at S1801 North Stoddard Rd. From 4-7 PM. Supper includes meatballs, lefsa, and all the trimmings-mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, desserts, milk and coffee. \$10 adults, \$5 for children under 12, 5 and under free. To order tickets, call Pastor Fox 608-769-0112 or day of call 608-483-2384.

Mar. 10~Safe Haven Sunday

Did you know that viewing porn desensitizes you to pleasure, makes you hypersensitive to lust and cripples your willpower? None of this is a good for you or your family. Learn more about the harms of pornography and how to protect your family on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10. Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs.

Mar.16~Overcoming Challenge With Grit & Grace

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Investment: \$40, includes lunch. Register at www.FSCenter.org or 608-791-5295. Please note: This special event will take place in the new education space at Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston St. Keynote speaker will be Sarah Theborge, San Francisco-based author, physician assistant and inspirational speaker. The event also will feature a panel of regional women who will share their inspirational stories.

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 (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). 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 the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.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

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. Coordinator: Paul Thompson. Email: thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

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

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.