

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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

October 18, 2026 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 662A

CONNECT WITH US

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Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

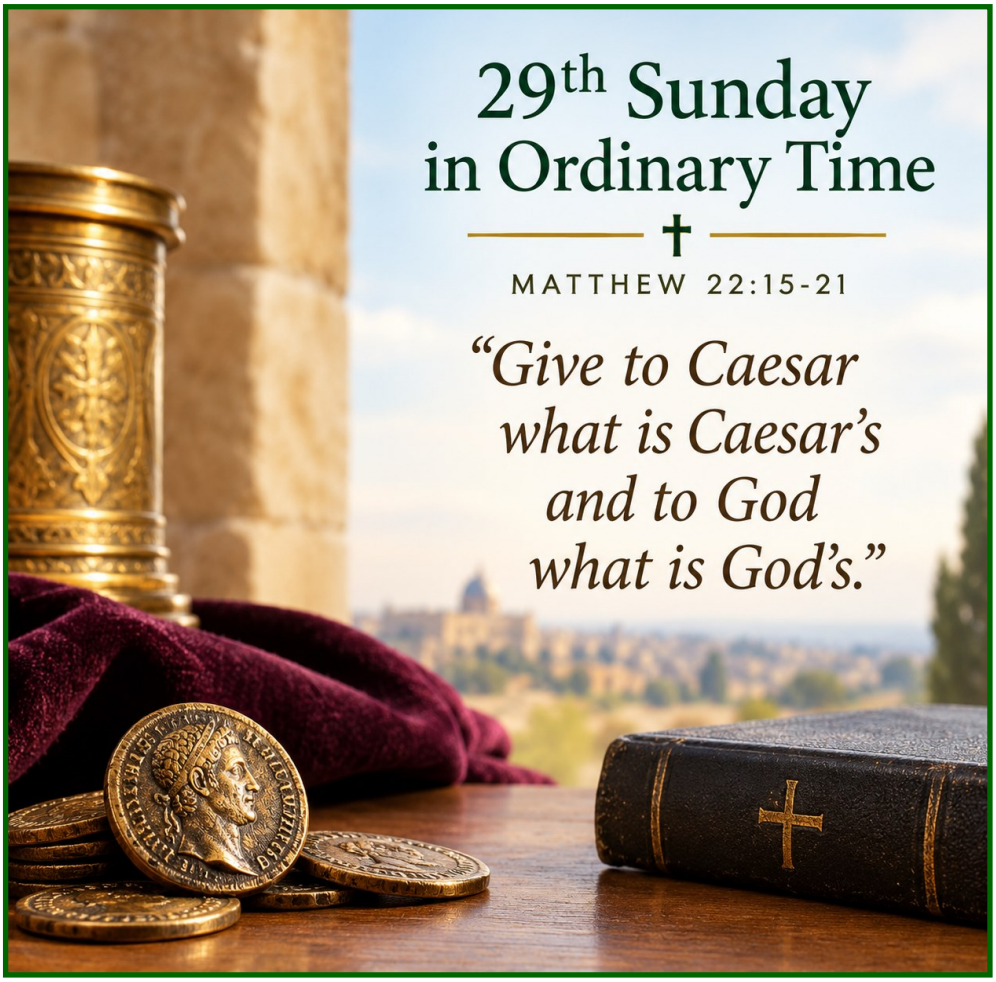
MASS SCHEDULE

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)

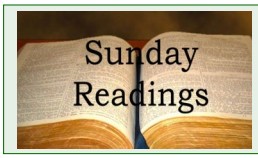
Parish Pastoral Council
Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve Schulte

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



October 18, 2026
1) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
2) I Thessalonians 1:1-5b
3) Matthew 22:15-21

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 17 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM Mass - † Jeanette Hammes
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, October 18 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM Mass - For the People
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, October 20 *(Fr. Joe Richards)*
St. Paul of the Cross
- Adoration 4:30 PM
- 5:15 PM Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, October 22 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
St. John Paul II
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Ursula Werner

SATURDAY, October 24 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 25 *(Fr. Derek Sakowski)*
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM Mass - † Laura Adams
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld
Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland





Needed last Month	
$8,000.00	at $2000 per week
$3,593.00	Received as of week 2
($4,407.00)	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 18** ~Family Faith Formation Programming for parents and students in the church hall after the 8 AM Mass
  ~ *In Viroqua,* 9:00-10:15am: *Altaration* (Middle School Formation) - Pie Room, *Decision Point* (9 Grade Formation) - Sitting Room, *Confirmation* - Confirmation Room in Basement,
  ~ *In Viroqua,* 11:45am-1:00pm: *First Reconciliation Prep* - Sitting Room
- **Oct 18/19** ~ Annual Appeal Kick-off weekend
- **Oct 21** ~ A Table Together Meal serving 5-7 PM at Coon Valley Lutheran
  ~ ABVM Parish, Viroqua Fall Dinner from 4-7 PM
- **Oct 25** ~ *In Viroqua,* 9:00-10:15am: *Altaration* (Middle School Formation) - Pie Room
  ~ *In Viroqua,* 11:45am-1:00pm: *First Reconciliation Prep* - Sitting Room
- **Oct 27** ~ Healing the Whole Person in Viroqua from 6:30 to 8 PM

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Our Loved Ones



In honor of All Souls' Day, during the month of November, the Church remembers and prays for the souls of the faithful departed.

We invite everyone to inscribe the names of loved ones who have passed away during this past year in our ***Book of Remembrance,*** located in the back of church.

Your loved ones do not need to have been members of our parish. All are welcome to include the names of family members and friends they wish to remember in prayer.

Those listed in our Book of Remembrance will be included in our Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass throughout November.

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Nov 21 or 22 & 29. Dec 5 or 6, and 13.
Open Weekdays: Oct 27. Nov 3 and 24. Dec 1, 8, 22, and 24.

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			10/11/26
Adult Env	$963.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	649.00	Received This Week	$1,742.00
Pancake Bkft	130.00	Total needed	$82,000.00
Total	**$1,742.00**	YTD Received	$78,650.93
		Difference	(3,349.07)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Over the last few weeks, we've certainly been experiencing the change of seasons – between leaves dropping, temperatures swinging up and down, what looks like some freezing for this weekend, things are changing. My family moved out to Wisconsin from Northern California back in 2000, and one of the differences I enjoy out here is this crystal-clear change from summer to autumn to winter to spring – it lets us know the earth is alive and one day is not the same as the last or the next. For my part, I spent a rainy Thursday afternoon on a hike to take it all in (and test some rain gear) and gather some acorns for my now annual attempt to grow a few oaks from seed (any year now).



Another seasonal change has been affecting my own schedule – funerals and baptisms. It's an anomaly that for the first several months since starting in Hillsboro and Wonewoc, Fr. Emmanuel and I haven't had any funerals in the East or West. This has been changing too, as of a few weeks ago – this part of our parish life cycle has been picking up in turn. Part of this does anecdotally seem to be the typical case – funeral homes and churches alike seem to agree that end-of-life care and funerals come in waves, more heavily through the fall and winter, tapering in the spring and summer. Just so, we've got a seasonal increase in births and baptisms – at the same time that we accompany people through loss, we also walk with people through the welcome of new life. In short, seasons of change come and go, and the Lord is with us in it all.

This sense of seasonality is one of my favorite parts of the Church's life as well. For another month or so Fr. Emmanuel and I are decked out in the green of Ordinary Time, that reflection of vegetative, slow and steady growth, then we change into the violet of Advent in all its watchful expectancy. Advent gives way to Christmas, Christmas back to Ordinary Time, then we're back into the movement of Lent to Easter – the very God who gives us the seasons of the year is the same to stir within us through the life of the Church here on Earth, and He certainly knows how to bring all the parts of our lives into integrity with each other. In all this, His simple invitation is for us to abide with Him in the present moment – when things are pleasant, fruitful, smooth, when things are unpleasant, difficult, beset by hurt or grief, He is in each moment. That simple "Come Holy Spirit" is a powerful way for us to invite Him in, or more properly to place ourselves where He already is.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



In Loving Memory of

Joseph L. Tschumper

Sep 12, 1946 — Oct 6, 2026

The family will hold a celebration of life on
Friday, October 23, 2026 from 4:00–6:00 PM
at Schumacher Kish Funeral Home,
200 West Ave S, La Crosse, WI 54601.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."
— PSALM 130:7

Please keep Joseph and his family and friends in your prayers.

This weekend, we kick off the 2026–2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal, "Many Gifts, One Mission." Our parish goal this year is $14,860.00. Through our generosity, we join Catholics throughout the Diocese of La Crosse in supporting vital ministries, including Catholic Charities, faith formation, campus ministry, and evangelization. **Parishioners will receive their pledge and contribution** cards in the mail this coming week. We ask every parish family to prayerfully consider making a gift, giving as generously as their circumstances allow. Every contribution, large or small, brings us closer to our goal and strengthens the mission of the Church. Together, we can make a difference!

Annual Appeal 2026-2027

	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	0.00	0.00
Target Amount	$14,860.00	$14,860.00
Under Target	$14, 860.00	**$14,860.00**
Number Contributing: 0		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2026(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

GriefShare *Surviving the Holidays*

Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the holiday season. What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, (no matter how long they have been gone)!

Surviving the Holidays topics include:

- How to prepare for hard hitting emotions
- What to do about holiday traditions
- Handling holiday social events
- Uncomfortable and awkward interactions

Please join us for this special 2-hour event which provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate grief throughout the holiday season.

Date: Monday, November 9th, 2026
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Place: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
400 Congress Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665

Pre-registration is encouraged by calling **608-637-7711**, or by email to: office@abvmviroqua.diolcparish.org or by going to ***griefshare.org/holidays.*** Please feel free to invite others! Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Parish Announcements *continued*

Pancake Breakfast Sausage for Sale
We have 5 bags of fully cooked sausage patties (12 count) available for sale in the large basement freezer. Each bag is $10.00—honors system, please leave payment in the envelope on top of the freezer.

PCCW Quilt Raffle Tickets – Ready for Pickup!
Ladies of the parish, our annual PCCW Quilt Raffle tickets are now available for pickup in the back of church! Tickets are organized by **guild and last name** for your convenience. All ladies are encouraged to pick up their tickets and help make this fundraiser a success. The winning ticket will be drawn at our **Annual Craft Show on Saturday, December 5th.** Thank you for your continued support of the PCCW!

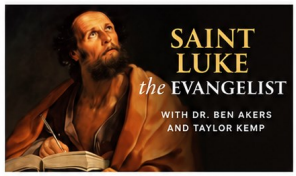
Viroqua Annual Fall Dinner – October 21, 2026 Annunciation Parish in Viroqua will hold their annual fall dinner that Wednesday from 4-7 PM. Mark your calendars to join, for information feel free to reach out to Julie Moore at juliemoore29@gmail.com.

Restore the Roots - October Edition
Available in the back of the church.

World Mission Sunday - Oct 17/18
October 18th is World Mission Sunday, envelopes are in packets and the back of church for your use to support missions. We invite you to view the video on YouTube by Pope Leo: Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 100th World Mission Sunday

This Week on *FORMED*

Week of October 18, 2026



St. Luke | Catholic Saints
Explore the life and legacy of St. Luke, the beloved physician and author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.



Pope John Paul II
This inspiring film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland to his remarkable life and legacy as Pope John Paul II.



Slaves and Kings
Discover the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—one of the Church's most influential saints.

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and select our parish name.

Diocesan/Local Announcement

Community Potato Pancake Supper - Oct 22
Supper located at Trinity United Church of Christ W4888 Harvest Lane, La Crosse WI on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Meal Details: Dine-in and carry-out options. Features all-you-can-eat homemade potato pancakes, local sausage, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, and desserts. Bake Sale: Will feature a table of donated homemade pies, cookies, bread, and pastries made by community volunteers. Silent Auction: Display basket donations, local gift certificates, or handmade crafts with a clear bid sheet closing time near the end of the supper.

Chili Tasting - Oct 24
Chili Tasting Supper at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Saturday, Oct 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Variety of chilis include GF/DF and Vegan options. Kid-friendly mac & cheese available. Meal includes chili tasting, beverage, bread & dessert. $10 [13 and older], $5 [4 – 12 yrs], free under 4 yrs. Max: $30/family. The event benefits charities supported by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1183.

Granny Basketball Exhibition Game - Oct 26
Don't Miss the Fun - the Granny Basketball Exhibition Game is back, and it's sure to be a rocking good time! (Literally… there's a penalty rocking chair.) Doors open at 6:00pm at Aquinas High School on Monday, October 26th. The Granny team is lacing up their orthopedic sneakers to take on the brave (and slightly confused) Diocesan Padres — who'll be playing under strict 1923 rules: no running, no jumping, and… yes, they're wearing oven mitts. Come watch your favorite priests (including our neighboring priest, Father Reither, from down in Genoa!) try to keep it holy on the court while trying very hard not to travel, jump, or foul out (and if they do, it's straight to the time-out rocking chair!). Entry is a free-will donation, and all donations at the door support the children of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru. Last year, we raised $4,000… let's beat that with grace, grit, and granny hook shots!

SAVE THE DATE. Monday, November 2, **All Souls' Day Stations of the Cross** for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held at noon in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse. Come and pray the Stations for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

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.



Thank You!

for Supporting Our Pancake Breakfast







On Sunday, October 11th we served:

131 Adults
($1,310.00)

14 Children
($70.00)





The PCCW made **$768** through their Bake Sale and Bake Sale Donations.





Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, baked, served, and supported our pancake breakfast!





We will continue to accept donations for the breakfast through our **special breakfast envelopes.**

A complete report will be posted once all expenses and donations have been received.