



# St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

March 22, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Lent | Reading 514A

## CONNECT WITH US

### PASTOR

**Rectory:** 400 Congress Ave.  
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### Office Hours in the Sacristy

Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass

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### Parish Phone

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### Mailing Address

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### Email

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### Website

www.stmaryscv.org

### 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



### Administrative Assistant

Amy Stafstlien 608-452-3841  
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### Coordinator of Religious Education

Bridget Goodwin  
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### Parish Finance Council

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek,  
Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John  
Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

### Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue  
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti  
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

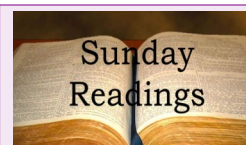
### Fr. Joe also serving:

### Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

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

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



**March 22, 2026**  
 1) Ezekiel 37: 12-14/34  
 2) Romans 8: 8-11  
 3) John 11:1-45

**Intentions / Schedule**

**SATURDAY, March 21**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- 4:00pm Mass - † John and Maria Rabotski  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

**SUNDAY, March 22**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

-8:00am Mass - † Roskos and Roningen Families  
 (living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

**TUESDAY, March 24**

*Lenten Weekday*

- 4:30pm Adoration  
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross followed by  
 Mass - For the People

**THURSDAY, March 26**

*Lenten Weekday*

- 8:10 am Mass - † Stanley and Francis Kerska

**SATURDAY, March 28**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

- 4:00pm Mass - † Gary Bergquist  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Nancy Peters

**SUNDAY, March 29**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

-8:00am Mass - For the Priest (Fr. Joe Richards)  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

- **March FoF Community Volunteer Activity** will be to help with Spaghetti Dinner on April 11th.
- **Mar 22** ~ 1st Communion class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 23-31** ~ Parish office closed - Amy on Mission trip, for administrative needs contact Fr. Joe.
- **Mar 23** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM  
 ~ Men's Club meeting for Spaghetti Dinner Planning at 6:00 PM  
 ~ **Healing Mass** in Viroqua 4:30 PM Adoration (with Confessions) 5:30 PM Mass 6:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing 7:00 PM Individual Prayer Ministry
- **Mar 24** ~ Adoration at 4:30 PM, **Stations of the Cross** at 5:15 PM followed by Mass  
 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **Mar 26** ~ Discuss Fratelli Tutti 6:30-8 PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 29** ~ 1st Communion class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 30** ~ All day confessions at St. Joseph Cathedral, La Crosse from 9 AM to 6 PM
- **Mar 31** ~ Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman.  
 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **Mar 31** ~ Adoration at 4:30 PM, **Stations of the Cross** at 5:15 PM followed by Mass
- **Apr 2** ~ **Deacon Tony's Birthday!**
- **Apr 2** ~ **Holy Thursday**, 5:15 PM in Viroqua

**Mass Intentions**

Below are open dates for the next few months.

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Apr 26. May 2 or 3, 16, 17, 24, & 30. Jun 21 & 28.

**Open Weekdays:** Apr 28. May 5, 7, 12, 19, 26 and 28. Jun 2, 16, 18, 23, 25 & 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or voice message 608-452-3841.



**Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
 As of March 20, 2026  
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00  
**Payments received: \$72,473.50**  
**THANK YOU!**

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



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,997.00	Received as of week 3
<b>(\$5,003.00)</b>	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2025-2026		
As of 3/20/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$17,825.00	\$14,206.69
Target Amount	<u>\$14,565.00</u>	<u>\$14,565.00</u>
<b>Over/Under Target</b>	<b>\$3,260.00</b>	<b>(\$358.31)</b>
Percent Pledged: 120.32% , Percent Received: 97.54%		
Number Contributing: 26		
To donate online, visit: <a href="https://diolc.org/stewardship/">https://diolc.org/stewardship/</a> and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		3/15/2026	
Adult Env (38)	990.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	<u>275.00</u>	Received This Week	\$1,265.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,265.00</b>	Total needed	\$22,000.00
		YTD Received	\$19,819.24
		Difference	(2,180.76)
Easter Flower	\$60.00	Uganda Mission	\$100.00

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I am writing this from Fr. Sam's rectory up in Ellsworth before heading out to California for the week. By the time you read it, it'll probably be a balmy 57 degrees with spring finally coming again, but back last Sunday the windy snow was still ripping by outside and my adrenaline was still coming down from the drive up through Minnesota. Anyhow, I want to take just a minute to thank everyone who rearranged their plans to make it in to Mass last weekend – it truly was an effective test of my "I'll be derved before we ever cancel a Sunday Mass" conviction, and between Saturday's full-house churches and Sunday's intrepid adventurer crowds, it was quite simply a blessing to share that moment of prayer with each of you. Especially by the time we got to 10:30, I was just as shocked that you had made it as that I had. Thank you, and if you couldn't make it in don't beat yourself up. That was nasty weather.

Last weekend we also made the turn from the first half of Lent into the second. You may recall that Advent and Lent each have a pink/rose Sunday – each a joyful reminder of the way the difficult story finally comes to a happy resolution. It's kind of like running a 5K, buckling down to do the work, then finally looking up to notice that there really is a finish line up ahead. There's still more 5K to run, but it's good to remember now and then that the hard work isn't all there is. Anyhow that was last Sunday – a midseason pause to look up to the Resurrection, reflected in the new lease on life Jesus gives the blind man and tries to give the crowds. Now it's time to buckle back down for the final run into Holy Week.

Holy Week is hands down my favorite week of the year. It's not sensibly pleasant, it's not necessarily emotional pleasant, and yet there is something to entering bodily into the prolonged story of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. From Palm Sunday's pre-Mass Gospel proclamation through Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper (which always seems to me like its own swelling story, from the familial Passover gathering through the foot washing to the suspenseful departure from the church) to Good Friday's Passion account and weighty, heavy-laden veneration of the cross to Holy Saturday's budding light building to fill the darkness, this whole story is one big invitation to you and me to enter into the Story that first played out some 2000 years ago. Brothers and sisters, I invite you with my whole heart to participate in this story – you absolutely do not have to, but it may be a powerful opportunity to let the Holy Spirit open up new dynamics and places where He is present with you in your own story.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

With joyful hearts, we welcome  
into our parish family



**Ava Ann Maureen Wieland**

daughter of Mitchell Wieland and  
Britney Strasser who is being baptized  
this weekend.

*"Let the little children come to me, and do  
not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these."* — Matthew 19:14



**Healing Mass and Service Monday, March 23, 2026**—  
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Viroqua,  
will host this service. All are welcome to attend any part of  
the evening. 4:30 PM Adoration (with Praise & Worship,  
Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Confessions) 5:30 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing 7:00 PM Individual  
Prayer Ministry

**Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign ended Mar 15th**

Please drop any outstanding bottles or envelopes in the  
collection. Thank you for your life-affirming support of  
mothers, fathers, and babies.



**Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner—Apr 11**



The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti  
dinner on **April 11, from 4-7 PM** in the  
church basement. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$5 kids  
under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a  
plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and  
meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or  
water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be  
available for purchase. **Help spread the word by posting  
the flyer in today's bulletin at your work or in the  
community.**

## Easter Triduum Schedule

**Holy Thursday** (in Viroqua only): 5:15 PM

Adoration in the chapel after service until midnight

**Good Friday:** 12:10 PM in Viroqua  
**3:00 PM here**

**Holy Saturday** (in Viroqua only): 8:30 PM

**Easter Sunday:** **8:00 AM here**  
10:30 AM in Viroqua

## Easter Flower Donations

Please use the envelope included in your booklet, **donations  
exceeding the expense of Easter Flowers will be used  
towards church decorations.** Additional envelopes are at  
the back of the church and the side door. Thank you!

## CRS Rice Bowl & MCA Mite Boxes

Please collect loose change or cash throughout Lent and  
return your donations by Easter Sunday. Your generosity  
will assist impoverished children and families across the  
globe. To learn more and read this week's Story of Hope,  
visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Looking for a Fish Fry this Friday?

The Fish Frynder is the Diocese of La Crosse's dedicated web tool for finding Lenten meals. Find upcoming fish fry's by date and location across the diocese's 19 counties.

\* Official Link: [diolc.org/fishfrynder](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder)

\* Calendar View: [diolc.org/calendar/fish-frynder](http://diolc.org/calendar/fish-frynder)

### Two Lenten Regulations:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

### CV Lutheran Church Men's Club Fish Fry Fundraiser

Wednesday March 25 from 4:30-6:30pm the CVLC Men's Club Remember to pick up your dinner for your preorder. Questions, contact their church office 608-452-3772 or email: [office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org). All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

### Project Seed Sales Coming in the Spring

Farmers, mark your calendars for a Forage & Seed Corn sale that will be coming to several locations in spring of 2026, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high-quality, low-cost seed. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative.

Sale dates and locations:

- March 28 - 10:30 AM-1 PM at Fourments Farm Home Store in Colby

- April 11 - 11 AM-1 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Cassel

For more information, call Scott Mohr at 608-769-2764, or Steve Mohr at 608-780-5460.

### ALL DAY CONFESSIONS at the Cathedral - Mar 30

Mon., Mar. 30th, 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

### Making Saints Catholic Campus Ministry Banquet 2026

Sometimes it can feel like all we hear is bad news. But we have good news! Our Church is thriving! Roncalli Newman Catholic Campus Ministry is witnessing our young adults' lives transformed by Christ. We invite you to join us at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on **Saturday, April 18th** for an evening of celebration and community, raising support for our La Crosse Catholic Campus Ministry. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear from our students as they share the great things the Lord is doing in their hearts and on campus. Join us for cocktails, dinner, a silent and dessert auction, and of course - swing dancing to finish off the night. Registration is open now. \$50 per ticket. Please contact Adele with any questions - [media@newmanlc.org](mailto:media@newmanlc.org)



### Lend a helping hand

#### Volunteer for Neighbors Day 2026!

We need you! April 25th is approaching quickly. Join over 500 volunteers to help community neighbors in the city of La Crosse to prepare their homes for spring. Volunteers are tasked with raking leaves and trimming shrubs. Register at: [donate.habitatlacrosse.org](http://donate.habitatlacrosse.org)

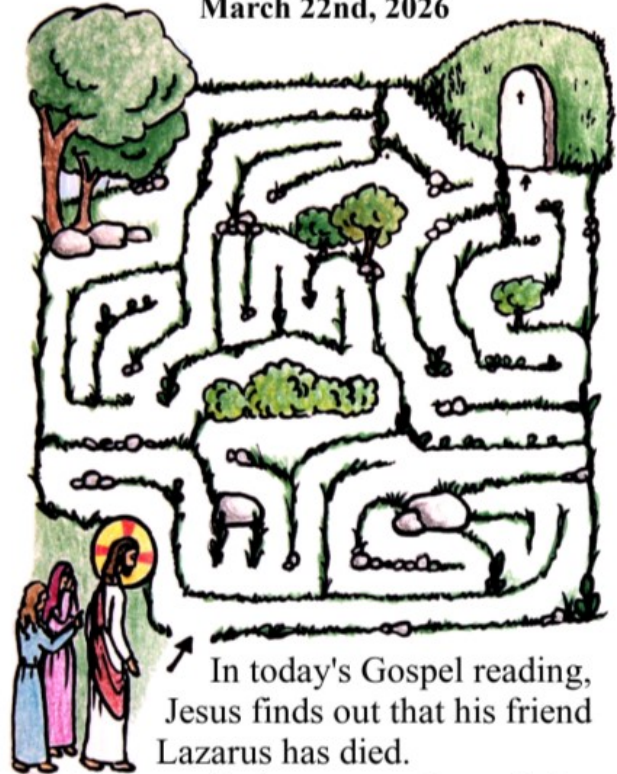
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### Hope for Today - LDCCW Biennial Convention - Apr 25

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding their biennial convention on Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. It will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church at 223 Maple Street, Arcadia, WI. The keynote speaker will be La Crosse Bishop Gerard Battersby. For more information and a registration brochure visit their website at [www.ldccw.com](http://www.ldccw.com).

## Activity Corner

March 22nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died.

Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

**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](http://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](http://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments). Then mail or email it to [stmarycv@mwt.net](mailto:stmarycv@mwt.net) and [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto: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](http://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.



**ST. MARY'S  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Coon Valley, WI

Plate of Spaghetti or Pasta  
with meatballs, garlic bread,  
and salad. Coffee Milk or  
Water to drink.

Ice Cream for dessert

**SATURDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00-7:00PM

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Wine and beer will be  
available for purchase*

**\$12  
ADULTS  
\$ 5 KIDS  
UNDER 12**



Good food. Great community.

**Carry-outs will be  
available**