

PASTOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... Stations of the Cross..... 5:15 pm

Mass.....5:45 pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan

Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,

Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed

vacancy)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters

(Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

ORGANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris

Carskadon.

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

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 and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fatherjoerichards@gmail.com You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

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.

St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10


Fr. Joe Richards
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March 12, 2023

Readings: 508A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday of Lent



Sunday Readings

March 12, 2023

1) *Exodus 17:3-7*; 2) *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*;
3) *John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42*


<u>Intentions</u>	
Mar 11 ~ 4:00 PM - † Woody Roningen	
Mar 12 ~ 8:00 AM - † Gavin Williams	
Mar 14 ~ 5:45 PM - † Verdel and Sara Holte	
Mar 16 ~ 8:00 AM - † Anna Kerska	
Mar 18 ~ 4:00 PM - Derek Stafslieen	
Mar 19 ~ 8:00 AM - † Anna Roberts	

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 4 & 25. Jul 2, 15, 16, 29 & 30. Aug 5, 6, 12, 13, 19&20.

Weekdays open: Jun 6, 8, 15 & 20. Jul 4, 13, 20, & 25. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Mar 18/19

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Volunteer
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

- Attend Mass and drop your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- Bill Pay through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to \$100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.

Upcoming Events/Calendar


- March 12** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua following the 10:30 AM Mass
- March 14** ~ 4:00 PM, Pastoral Council Meeting ~ 5:15 PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- March 16** ~ after 8 AM Mass, Coffee and Fellowship ~ 5:30 PM, PCCW Meeting
- March 20** ~ Men's Club Meeting, 6:30 PM
- March 21** ~ 5:15PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- March 23** ~ *Catechism Study Group* meeting after Mass
- March 25** ~10:30AM-Fr Joe installation Mass in Viroqua ~ **Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner** serving 4-7 PM
- March 28**~ 5:15PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- April 2** ~ Religious Education Class after 8 AM Mass
- April 4** ~ 5:15PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- April 6** ~ **Holy Thursday**, Mass of the Lord's Supper – 5:15 PM in Viroqua
- April 7** ~ **Good Friday**, the Lord's Passion –12:10 PM in Coon Valley ~ 3:00 PM in Viroqua
- April 8** ~ **Holy Saturday**, the Easter Vigil – 8:15 PM (Dusk) in Viroqua
- April 9** ~ **Easter Sunday**, standard Sunday schedule

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back!
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

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3:15pm to 3:45pm


Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time) and Thurs. from Mass until noon.

Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand (608-606-9787)* or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.



<u>Giving Last Week</u>		Week 09	3/5/2023
Adult Env.(36)	\$1,665.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$139.00	Received This Week	\$1,894.00
Catholic Life	\$50.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$20,000.00
Votives	\$20.00	YTD Received	\$18,365.00
Ash Wed	\$20.00	Difference	(1,635.00)
Total	<u>\$1,894.00</u>		
Food Pantry	\$35.00	Easter Flowers	\$50.00

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

I have some more business for you this week. Our finance council met last Tuesday (we're on an every-other month schedule), and one of our main topics of conversation was the utilization of Capital Campaign proceeds. Preamble: I promise this won't be all you ever hear me talk about now that I'm pastor, but at the same time we are entering a season for the next few months where this effort will take up a good bit of our attention. For now, I'd like to keep pulling back the curtain on what we've been doing so far and what we're looking ahead to with this whole project.

By way of breakdown, our campaign target is \$105,000. Out of that total, 7.5% will build up the recently established Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin, a fund geared toward Diocesan special projects, 12.5% will go toward restorations at the Diocesan Center, and 15% will go toward the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal (which you likely noticed the Diocese did not hold last year). The remaining 65% is returned to the parish, and once the goal is met (that is, once the annual appeal is satisfied) the parish return jumps up to 80%.

Last weekend I mentioned that we're leaning into three categories: buildings and grounds projects, liturgical accoutrements, and rectory-specific renovations. We've already begun and completed a few of our time-sensitive buildings and grounds projects (specifically the garage roof and gutters on the church), so a \$26,318 part of the campaign will reimburse our savings account. The next campaign project you're going to see will be the sidewalks around the church. We're replacing the sidewalks around the church once spring finally sticks around to the tune of roughly \$6000.

Finally, I want to solicit your feedback. One of our Council discussions revolved around the condition of the rectory (specifically the balance between the repairs needed on the rectory roof and the overall use our rectory gets). To sum up our discussion, we came to the consensus that A) we want to maintain the property, B) we need to continue discussing how to best use the space, and C) we definitely need to do some serious work on the roof. We are bringing in an independent building inspector to give us a top to bottom report on the condition of the house, but our suspicion is that the building is otherwise structurally sound. The Pastoral Council is meeting this Tuesday. If you have thoughts on the interplay between points A, B, and C, please share them with Ryan, Lori, Steve, Sue, Deacon Tony, Marlene, or myself and we'll hash things out a bit at that meeting.

Aside from the campaign, we looked at our financials, and we are happily in the black. That's good news, and enough news for today. God bless you!

~Fr. Joe

Tuesday Evenings 5:15 PM
followed by Mass (during Lent)



STATIONS of the CROSS

Parish Announcements



Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner March 25th

The dinner is a go! We need your help to make it a success.



Info about the Dinner

The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on Sat., March 25. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, Kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs also available. There will also be 50/50 drawing and tip boards. Join us for some great food and fun at St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley.

Signup to Work

There are signup sheets in the back of church for various positions. There's options for all types of talents.

Advertising

Spread the word about the dinner. Post the flyer in today's bulletin somewhere in the community or where you work. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

Donations

Want to help with the success of the dinner? Envelopes are available to assist with covering expenses. Thank you for your support.

Feast of St. Patrick (March 17) and Lenten Obligations Decree from Bishop William Callahan

The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Directory photos planned for September 2023

If you are interested in helping with this project message the parish office or contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198.



Daily Reflection Lenten Booklets and Lenten Materials

Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just a few minutes each day, the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance. Feel free to pick one up today from the back of church along with any of the other materials you find helpful.

The **Catechism Study Group** has decided to meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (there are a few exceptions) after the 8:00 AM mass for eight sessions. The **first meeting will be March 23** which will give members time to complete the readings before the discussion session. The rest of the meetings will be April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel to get the discussion book and the first assignment.

Parish Announcements continued

Roasters for Sale - The PCCW as purchased new roasters the old ones are for purchase only \$5 each. If you are interested in purchasing a roaster contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198.

Next PCCW Meeting will be held on March 16th at 5:30PM. We will be making final plans for Fr. Joe's installation as our new pastor. Please attend if you are able.

Easter Flower Donations

Your booklet of envelopes holds an envelope for Easter Flowers; however, additional envelopes are also available in the back of church.



CRS Rice Bowls: HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

With ongoing conflicts, extreme weather events and widespread inflation making it more difficult for families around the world to put food on the table, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) invites Catholics across the U.S. to pray, fast and give alms through its annual Lenten program CRS Rice Bowl. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Bowls available in the back of the church.

Student Mite Boxes: The student boxes support the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). Under its banner "children helping children", monies raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources. **Boxes are available in the back of church.**

Excellent Resources to accompany your Lenten journey.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

- Real Life Catholic with Chris Stefanick reallifecatholic.com Fearless - a free, 7-week video series on fear.
- Dynamic Catholic with Matthew Kelly dynamiccatholic.com/lent Discover the real you: Sign up to receive two free videos each day.
- Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron wordonfire.org/calendar/lent Receive daily Gospel Reflections.
- The Ultimate Guide to Lent with Fr. Mike Schmitz media.ascensionpress.com/2023 Short videos to better understand Lent.
- Lenten Resources from the US Bishops usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent Readings for the day; articles; prayers and devotions.

Chicken Que & Bake Sale - Sunday, Mar. 12 11 AM - gone.

Tippy Toe Inn, Chaseburg. \$12, eat in or drive thru, includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw & bread. Proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Reservation Only Fish Fry - CV Lutheran - Mar 22

Coon Valley Lutheran Church are hosting a Fish Fry on Wednesday, March 22nd from 4-6 PM Purchase advance tickets for your half hour time slot. 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00. The cost is \$12.00 for 2 pieces of Cod, baked potato and Coleslaw. Beverages will be available for dine in only. Carryout available. Call Glenn Hoff 608-632-3578 or Mike Lusk 608-452-3472. **Deadline for reserving a ticket is March 8th.**

Fish Fry at MMOC, La Crosse - Mar 24

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 24, from 4:00-7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.


15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon - Mar 29


Catholic Charities cordially invites you to the 15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please **RSVP by March 20** as seating is limited. Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse, WI 54601.

Nourish Your Soul - A Retreat for Caregivers and Those Working in Health Care

MARCH 24-25, Friday, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Presenter: Leslie Schwarting. Investment: • **OVERNIGHT:** \$165, includes private bedroom, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. • **COMMUTER:** \$95, includes lunch on Saturday. If you or those you love work in health care in any capacity, join us for a time of reflection, healing and soul-tending for no one else but you.

Pray + Fast + Give

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, 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.
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	<p>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.• The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.• Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.• For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.• The intentions listed in our parish Book of Prayer.• Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. <p>To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net</p>
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SPAGHETTI & PASTA DINNER

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COON VALLEY WI

March 25 from 4 pm – 7 pm

\$12 adults \$5 kids under 12

Children under 3 free

Plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk, or water. Ice cream for dessert.

Carryouts available.

Wine and beer available for purchase.

Try your luck at our 50/50 drawings & Tip Boards

The Third Week of Lent

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

“Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.”

— EVANGELII GAUDIUM
 (“THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL”), 167



Faith Stories

John 4:5–42

Today’s Gospel shows us a different kind of encounter with Jesus. Unlike last week’s story of Nicodemus, who sought out Jesus, or the disciples who accompanied Jesus to the mountaintop, the woman in today’s reading meets Jesus by accident when she goes to the well to get water.

At first she is shocked that Jesus would even speak to her. But, as their conversation progresses, the woman wants the living water that Jesus tells her about. When Jesus reveals everything about her past, she recognizes that he is no ordinary human being. When he tells her that he is the Messiah, she runs back to the town and encourages other people to meet Jesus.

This woman’s encounter with

FOR REFLECTION

- › Who are the people that invited you to encounter Christ during your life?
- › In what ways were you changed through your encounters with Christ?
- › How can you invite others to encounter Christ?

Jesus not only changed her life, but it changed the lives of others. She accomplished this simply by sharing her story. We are also called to share our faith stories. How many lives would be changed if we had the courage to tell our stories and invite others to encounter Christ?

LENT TRIVIA ?

1. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
2. Name the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
3. During what days of the week do we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary?

Answers on reverse.

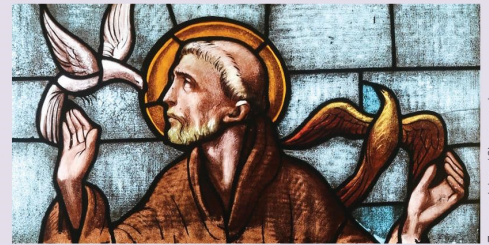


Almsgiving

Giving alms has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to the parish or some other good cause. But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need — not just with our money but also with our time and talents. Almsgiving allows us to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share with other people what we have and who we are. It helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Think carefully about how you will share your time, talents, and treasure during Lent this year.



Lenten Prayer



The Prayer of St. Francis is a powerful way to ask God for the graces we need to share his love with others:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.”



Family Focus

Tell your children stories about their baptism, the faith of their grandparents, and your faith experiences as you were growing up. Visit the church where you made your first Communion or confirmation. Show them photos from your faith milestones. By sharing your faith stories, your children will learn how to tell their own faith stories.

Extending an Invitation

We all know people who have drifted away from their faith for one reason or another. Lent is the perfect time to invite them to come to Mass with you. Or you could invite them to a Lenten lecture, Stations of the Cross, or some other Lenten event at your parish. It doesn't have to be something religious. Maybe your parish is having a fish fry or a spaghetti dinner. Inviting someone to meet other parishioners is often the best way to help them reconnect. There are people out there just waiting for an invitation to come back to the Church. You could be the one to help transform their lives!



Catechism CONNECTION

“The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as *witnesses of the Gospel*. ... This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2472

Answers: 1. There are 14 Stations of the Cross. 2. The sorrowful mysteries are the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, Jesus Carrying His Cross, and the Crucifixion. 3. The sorrowful mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays.