

**PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR**

**Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)**

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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..... 6:30pm

Thursday.....8:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

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

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

**PARISH OFFICE**

Amy Stafshien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: ..... Wednesday noon

E-mail: [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto: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,

and Steve Schulte. (2 appointed vacancies)

**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

Sunday .....10:30 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](http://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Call or email Fr. Joe. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

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

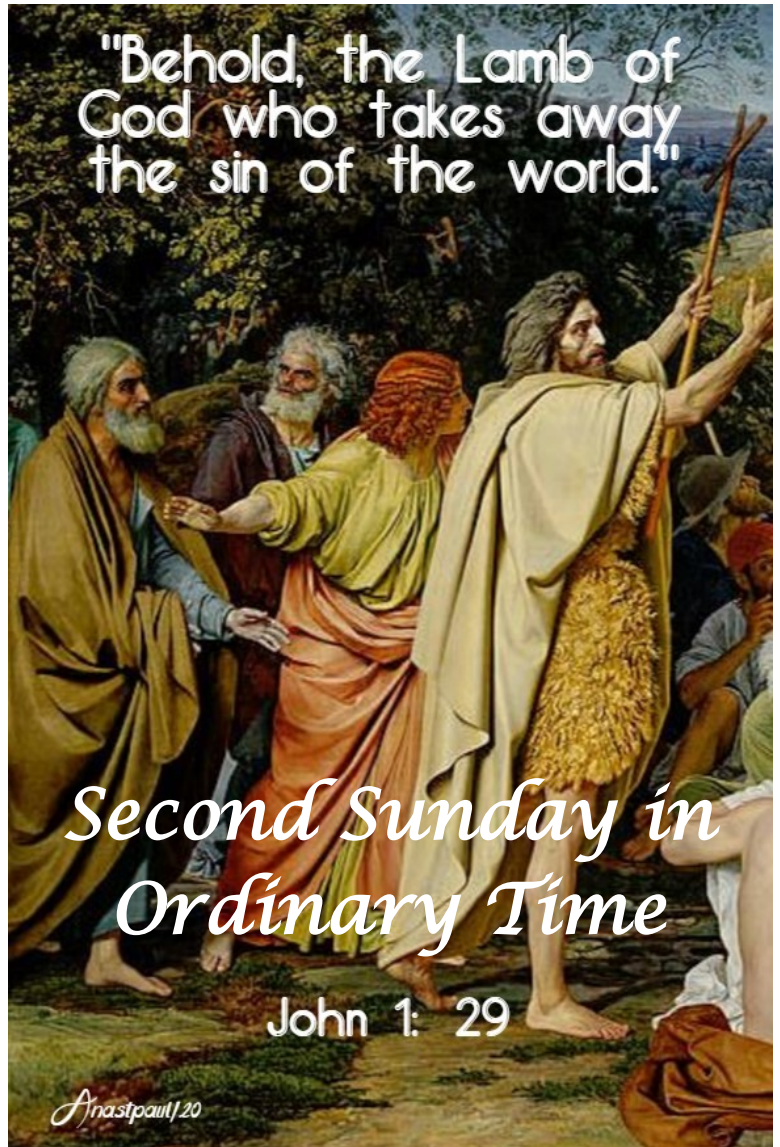
# St. Mary's Parish

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley)



"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1: 29

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Fr. Joe Richards

January 15, 2023

Readings: 581A

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sunday Readings**  
January 15, 2023

1) *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6;* 2) *1 Corinthians 1:1-3;*  
3) *John 1:14a, 12a*

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **January 19** ~ DATE CHANGE-no Coffee & Fellowship
- **January 21 to February 26** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign
- **January 26** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **February 5** ~ *Religious Education Class* after 8 AM Mass
- **February 12** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua following the 10:30 AM Mass
- **February 8-24** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe

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


<u>Intentions</u>
Jan 14 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
<b>Jan 15 ~ 8:00 AM - Fr. Maria Dass (Silver Jubilee)</b>
Jan 17 ~ 6:30 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Jan 19 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Stevenson
Jan 21 ~ 4:00 PM - † Woody Roninggen
Jan 22 ~ 8:00 AM - † Kylie Von Ruden

### Mass Intentions

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

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Feb 19. Mar 19. Apr 1, 2, & 22. May 7, 20, & 27.

**Weekdays open:** Jan 31. Feb 2, 9, & 23. Mar 2, 7, 14, 21, & 30. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



### Fr. Joe's Office Hours:


**Tuesdays from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time)** and on **Thursdays 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.**

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday**  
3:15pm to 3:45pm

**Sunday**  
7:15am to 7:45am



### Next Week in Service — Jan 21/22

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

Readers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Nancy Peters	<b>Sun.</b> – Volunteer
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers	<b>Sun.</b> – 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, your Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](http://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.

*"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.  
To one without faith, no explanation is possible."*

— St. Thomas Aquinas

Sign in using **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Remember to shop for deals at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), or with Amazon Smile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



Giving Last Week		Week 02	1/8/2023
Adult Env.(25)	\$880.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$132.00	Received This Week	\$1,301.00
Votive Candles	\$24.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$4,000.00
Memorials	\$230.00	YTD Received	\$3,309.00
Rel Ed Reg.	<u>\$35.00</u>	Difference	(691.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,301.00</u></b>	Food Pantry	\$35.00

## From the Parochial Administrator



Good morning friends, and happy Ordinary Time!

I have only a little bit of business to share with you this week. A few months ago, I mentioned that I didn't even want to start thinking about different Mass times until we got to half a year together. We're at half a year. We're still not in the strategizing stage with weekend Masses so much as in the data collection stage (tracking how many folks are at each Mass), so active discussion about weekend Masses is a ways down the road. Right now, I'd like to gather input about our weekday Masses. Over the past week I've been inviting our weekday Mass attendees to share any feedback they have about our daily Mass times. Our current shared schedule stands: 6:30 PM Tuesday in Coon Valley, 6:30 PM Wednesday in Viroqua, 8:00 AM Thursday in Coon Valley, and 8:00 AM Friday in Viroqua. I very much like having an evening and a morning Mass during the week to fit different schedules, but as I've mentioned to some of our regulars I am certainly not married to the particular times. Especially if you are a daily Mass regular (or if you are not a daily Mass regular but would be one if we had a different time available, like 5:15 instead of 6:30 or 7:30/8:30 instead of 8:00), what I'm looking for out of you is to communicate any strong feelings you have concerning our daily Mass schedule to myself or to our Pastoral Council members. Nothing's changing immediately, and indeed one year from now we might still be operating off of our 6:30/6:30/8:00/8:00 schedule (and the better for asking the question). For now we're taking some time to consult with one another.

Other than that, you've probably noticed that Deacon and I are once again both wearing green. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, green is a very intentional vestment color – it's the color of growth, regeneration, and new life. After the liturgical high moments of Advent and Christmas, we've got a month and change (Ash Wednesday is on February 22 this year) of Ordinary Time to step back and let the seeds planted during those high seasons grow in the quiet and stillness of our ordinary lives. If I can impose a recommendation on you, give the Holy Spirit some time and room over the next five weeks before our next liturgical season change to let those seeds He's planted take root. Consider what work He did in you over Advent to prepare you for Christ's birth, what kind of epiphany He might have shared with you through the season of Christmas, and how He's still nurturing and caring for those vulnerable and fruitful places in your heart.

God bless you all, Fr. Joe



## Parish Announcements

**Former Pastor - Fr. Maria Dass Irudayam Celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Ordination (Silver Jubilee) this Sunday, January 15, 2023**

*"Serving the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 10:12*



Congratulations Fr. Dass as we celebrate with you on the 25th Anniversary of your Ordination. May God continue to grant you many blessings!

### Thank You

The Butikk would like to thank you for your \$147.00 donation to the food pantry. You have help keep our shelves stocked this holiday season and we are forever grateful! With much appreciation,

*The Bethel Butikk Food Pantry*

### 2023 Envelopes and Calendars

*The envelopes and calendars have arrived!* Feel free to take a calendar home with you today and please pick up your envelope booklet from the back of church. If your name is missing or if you do not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact the parish office.

### Inspired by the Spirit

This comprehensive, all-parish campaign effort began in parishes of the Diocese this past spring and is being conducted throughout this fall and through the first half of 2023. It will not only incorporate and support the ministries through the Diocesan Annual Appeal but will also provide an opportunity for every parish in the Diocese to raise funds for their own parish needs. More information about the campaign in the coming weeks.



## Diocesan/Local Announcements

**Culture of Life Summit - Jan. 21, 2023**

**\*Deadline to register is January 16, 2023**

We are excited to partner with the Diocese of Superior to hold a Culture of Life Summit. This will take the place of our Pilgrimage for Life. This will be a day of live music, speakers and a time where you can discuss the issues that pertain to respecting the dignity of life. The event will be held at Regis Catholic High School. To register please visit: <https://diolc.org/vya/youth-opportunities/culture-of-life/>

## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

### US Bishops: Nine Days for Life Novena - Jan. 19-27

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. Visit [respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://respectlife.org/9-days-signup).

### ADRC Vernon County Mini Bus Trip - Jan. 26

Visit Beanie's Diner and Downtown Westby on January 26th. Cost is only \$7. call 608-637-5201 to reserve your spot.

### GIVEN Retreat - Jan. 28

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline Van Hemmert. Cost: \$45 per couple For more information, contact Chris Rogers at [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org).

### Bus Trip to Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson - Mar 4

Beat the winter blahs, go on a bus trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see Music Man. Trip includes bus, lunch, and show. Cost is \$110. Profits to Holy Trinity Parish. Contact Arlene Young 608-788-3440.

### Ukraine Still Needs Us! Donate to Chalice of Mercy

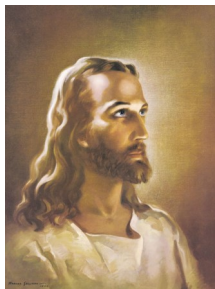
Valentyna Pavsyukova continues to ship tons of humanitarian aid – especially donated medical supplies and equipment – to Ukraine through her Chalice of Mercy mission. She is able to ship at a discounted rate, but shipping costs are still very high. Visit [chaliceofmercy.org/donation](http://chaliceofmercy.org/donation) to give.

### Pregnant and in distress?

Confidential help is available. Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more, visit [cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant](http://cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant). For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).



### A Minute with Jesus Jesus' name means "God saves"



The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1: 21). *Jesus saves us* from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist. This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)



## Activity Corner

**PSALM 40**  
Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

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Answer: O Lord, I come to do your will!!!