



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

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



August 30, 2026 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 641A

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PASTOR

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Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 16: 21-27



Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
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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
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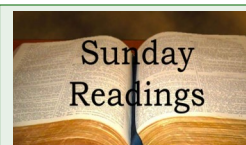
Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



August 30, 2026
 1) *Jeremiah 20:7-9*
 2) *Romans 12: 1-2*
 3) *Matthew 16: 21-27*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass - † Betty Callan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Bob Kerska

SUNDAY, August 30

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass - For our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, September 01

Weekday

- Adoration 4:30 PM
 - 5:15 PM Mass - For the priests of our Parish

THURSDAY, September 03

St. Gregory the Great

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Leona Welsh

SATURDAY, September 05

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 PM Mass - † Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, September 06

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Mass † Kylie Von Ruden
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$7,007.00 Received as of week 4

(\$2,993.00) Difference for the Month

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are age 70½ or older, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$111,000 (2026 limit) per year directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. A QCD is generally excluded from your taxable income and, if you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), it can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year. This can be a tax-efficient way to support the charitable organizations you care about.

Because each person's tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor or financial professional before making any decisions.

If a QCD is right for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 29** ~ Coon Valley Heritage Day
- **Sep 7** ~ Labor Day
- **Sep 13** ~ **Religious Education Parent Information and Registration** after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
 ~ **St Mary and ABVM Parish Joint Picnic** in Esofea Park at 4:00 PM bring a dish to pass
- **Sep 15** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group in Cashton at Sacred Heart 9:30-11 AM
- **Sep 15** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **Sep 21** ~ Catechetical Sunday
- **Oct 1** ~ Advanced Care Planning from 3-4:30 PM in the church hall



Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Sep 19 or 20, and 26. Oct 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, and 25.

Open Weekdays: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and 29.

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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of August 15, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$91,580.00

THANK YOU!

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

Giving Last Week		8/23/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,032.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	319.00	Received This Week	\$1,351.00
Total	\$1,351.00	Total needed	\$68,000.00
		YTD Received	\$66,838.68
		Difference	(1,161.32)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

As I've been getting myself back into gear over this past week, I've realized there are a few big things coming up that I haven't drawn to your minds yet – let me call a few of them up.

First, we've got another priest coming to join us in not too long. While Fr. Emmanuel and I are assigned specifically to these parishes (with his primary residence in Hillsboro and mine in Viroqua), and while Deacon Tony is assigned to Viroqua and Coon Valley, we happen to also have a coincidence of other clergy in the area – Fr. Bernie Rott, a retired Madison priest just South of Wonewoc and Fr. Clayton Elmhurst, one of our own priests living in the Wonewoc rectory. Such as was the case with last weekend's 10:00 Mass in Hillsboro, one of the great graces these guys bring to the picture is A) readily available helpouts when we need it, and B) some consistency in those helpouts. I think you all know I find relationship quite important, and I see a tremendous grace in having not just one or two but four priests in the area here, whether assigned or not.

Anyway, with a ballpark start date of **September 13 we'll be welcoming another priest, Fr. Derek Sakowski, to the Coon Valley rectory.** Similar to Fr. Clayton and Fr. Rott, Fr. Sakowski won't be assigned to the parishes but will be working up at the Diocese (and very frequently on the road around the Diocese). For a few years now, Fr. Sakowski has been assigned to the specific ministry of tending to priest health, and more recently he has been heading up our pastoral planning study. Many of you met him already when he came to lead last year's Listening Sessions in Viroqua and Hillsboro, and now as he needs to get closer to the Big House in La Crosse, it will be a gift to share our home with him and, as an accessory benefit, to have him with us for liturgies and events from time to time. **Thank you to several of our Coon Valley folks who have been putting some time into preparing the rectory** to have someone living in it for the first time in almost five years!

Second, we've got a fairly intensive healing program starting up in Viroqua in just a few weeks here that I'd like to invite you to consider – Healing the Whole Person. Healing the Whole Person flows out of the work of Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sister Miriam James at the John Paul II Healing Center, inviting the Holy Spirit into places of spiritual and emotional woundedness to welcome the grace and restoration of His love and resurrection. Several of our folks have made their way up to La Crosse over the last few years to attend and support these retreats, whether through an all-together weeklong retreat or (as this one will be) a one-night-for-eight-weeks retreat. This is a big schedule commitment, but I think when it's right it's well worth it. If you'd like to talk with someone who has gone through the retreat, let me know and I can connect you. Otherwise, keep your ears and eyes peeled for more information, and simply ask the Lord if this is something He's inviting you to in this moment.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Joint St. Mary/ABVM Parishes Picnic Sunday, September 13 4:00 PM



Coon Valley and Viroqua will meet in the middle for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and good old-fashioned fun at the **Esofea Park Shelter**, located off County Road B.

Please bring: a potluck dish, side, or dessert to share, along with an appropriate serving utensil; your favorite beverages; camp chairs for

gathering around the fire; bug spray, if desired

Provided: Pulled pork, hot dogs, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and all the fixings for s'mores!

The covered shelter has plenty of picnic tables for a sit-down meal. Please note that there is only one electrical

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outlet, so please do not plan on using slow cookers.

Esofea Park offers a covered shelter, playground, two charcoal grills, a fire pit, hiking trails, nice restroom facilities, and even a small pond for fishing.

Come join together for good food, fellowship, and an opportunity to build community with our neighbors from both parishes!

The Parish Office Is Moving

With Fr. Derek Sakowski soon to be in residence at our parish rectory, the parish office will be moving to the church basement. The transition will take place over the next few weeks, with the office fully moved into the small room at the bottom of the stairs on the parking-lot side of the basement by **September 11.**

Please be patient and conscientious with us as we make this transition into our new space. Thank you for your understanding!



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Parents are strongly encouraged to join us after Mass in Viroqua on Sunday, September 13 for our Religious Education Parent Meeting and Registration. This important gathering will begin our year of partnering together in the faith formation of our children and youth.

We will introduce our *new family faith formation programming* and provide important information, schedules, and registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and our middle and high school programs. All families with children participating in Religious Education this year should plan to attend and complete registration. Parents of children preparing to receive a sacrament this year are especially asked to be present.

As parents, you are the first and most important teachers of the faith to your children. We look forward to working together as a parish family to help them grow in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Please contact Pat Obernberger, *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Activities Coordinator*, by email at cre@abvmviroqua.diocparish.org if you have questions.

Gathered in Grace Mom Group

Gathered in Grace is a local mom group that will focus on spiritual growth through discussion, prayer and plenty of coffee. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11AM starting on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton. The meetings will be rotating between local parishes and will be here on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in October. Children are welcome. While there will be no childcare, we will provide toys and snacks to keep children entertained during our get-togethers. There is no commitment so feel free to attend the weeks and locations you are able. Use the QR code to join the GroupMe group for more information or feel free to call/text Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546 or Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706.



Healing the Whole Person

Do you want to be healed, to know yourself better, and understand why you do the things you do? This 8 week program from the John Paul II Healing Center is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. If you're looking for a deeper understanding of God's love and the healing of your own story, you'll fit right in. During this time, you'll begin a journey to **spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness**—entering the sometimes-hidden places of the heart, facing pains and woundedness, and experiencing a deep encounter with the authentic healing love of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miram James Heidland, through an exclusive video series, will lead you on a journey to encounter Jesus like never before and allow Him to transform your wounds into avenues of grace and blessing. Sessions are on **Tuesdays evenings in Marian Hall at ABVM in Viroqua from 6:30 to roughly 8 pm starting September 29**

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and continuing October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24. This is more than just watching videos – which are beautiful in and of themselves - it includes a book to follow along and journal in, discussion groups as you desire, time with the Blessed Sacrament, and designated Confession, Adoration and prayer team evenings for your spiritual needs.

Cost is \$25 per person, please sign up by contacting the office of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at 400 Congress Ave., Viroqua, WI 54665 and mailing payment to their office. Jenny Leum, ABVM parishioner, will facilitate with help from a caring and experienced team. Questions and registration, call ABVM parish office at 608-637-7711 or email Jenny at jenny@leum.com.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Mass of Hope and Healing - Sept. 8

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tues. Sep. 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death.

Father and Son Banquet - Sept 9

The Knights of Columbus 3492 of St. Mary's 160 W. Fourth St, Richland Center with guest speaker Father Nate Kuhn. Social begins at 6 PM with Dinner at 6:30 PM and final blessing at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20 for Adults, 10 and under are \$15. Reserve a ticket by calling Ed Pulvermacher at 608-647-2450 or Gary Peckham at 608-647-6578. Brochures in the back of the church.

Gardens and Gazing Event: Sept. 12, 2026 5:30 pm–9:00 pm

Location: FSPA Land on St. Joseph Ridge Mississippi Valley Conservancy in partnership with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) and the La Crosse Area Astronomical Society is offering this free Linked to the Land event which combines gardens, scenic hiking, breathtaking views, and telescope-guided stargazing into one memorable experience. Questions may be directed to Karen Solverson at karen@mississippivalleyconservancy.org or 608- 784-3606, ext. 8. **Advance registration is required for this free event and must be completed by September 9th.** Sign up on this website: <https://www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/events/gardens-and-gazing-event>

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@diocclergy.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.