

St. Mary's Parish

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December 2 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Reading 679C

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday and Friday - 8:00 AM
Tuesday - 6:00 PM (beginning Dec. 4, 2018)

Area Parishes:

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact Fr. Matt to register for Baptism preparation. Preparation should be completed before the birth of your child, if possible.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

- 1) Jeremiah 33:14-16
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
- 3) Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

FOCUS: The Jesus who is born in time and history is also the Christ who will come in glory to judge all.

The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In a time of great upheaval and chaos for Israel, Jeremiah reassures the people of better days to come, when a descendent of David will rule them with integrity and honesty. Looking forward to the return of Christ in glory, Saint Paul reminds us that we must strive for true holiness now. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that no matter what befalls us in this life, we are to have confidence in him, the Son of Man.

Giving Last Week		Week 47
Adult Envelopes	\$1,020.00	Needed Weekly
Offertory	\$193.00	Received This Week
Pancake Brekfast	\$20.00	Running total Needed
Total	\$1,233.00	Running total Received

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
As of 11/23/2018		
	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$7,065.00	\$4,515.00
Target Amount*	<u>\$11,405.00</u>	<u>\$11,405.00</u>
Over/Under	(\$4,340.00)	(\$6,890.00)

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Dec 2	After Mass	Religious Education Class
Dec 4	6:00 PM	NEW!- Evening Weekday Mass
Dec 4	7:00 PM	Men's Club Meeting
Dec 7	8:00 AM	NO morning Mass
Dec 7	7:00 PM	Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation
Dec 9	After Mass	Religious Education Class
Dec 12	6:30 PM	Ecumenical Prayer Service for the sick and suffering at Christmas hosted by Pastor Julie Wollman and Fr. Matt at the Coon Valley Lutheran Church
Dec 15	After Mass	Movie Night and Celebration—send movie ideas to Fr. Matt
Dec. 16	After Mass	Religious Education Class
Dec 16	After Mass	Decorate the church for Christmas—please plan to help
Dec 19	7:00 PM	Penance Service with confessions (two priests available)
Dec 23		NO Religious Education Class
Dec 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass
Dec. 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
Dec 25	9:15 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Jan 1	6:00 PM	New Year's Day Mass— <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>

Next Week in Service		
If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's.		
	Saturday, Dec 8, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Dec 9, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Lily and Chloe Ackerman
Reader:	Robert Kerska	Ryan Goodwin
Communion Minister:	Mary Humfeld	Pat Baranczyk
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Mark Boland and Dan VonFeldt
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	

Mass Intentions		
Dec. 1	4:00 PM	†Dennis LeJeune
Dec. 2	9:15 AM	The People of God
Dec. 4	6:00 PM	Edward and Anna Kerska
Dec. 5	8:00 AM	†Joseph Berra, Sr.
Dec. 7	8:00 AM	†Dennis LeJeune
Dec. 8	4:00 PM	†Deceased members of the Roskos and Roninggen Families
Dec. 9	9:15 AM	†Joseph Berra, Sr.

Announcements

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 PM. **There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on this day.** Please join in celebrating with Fr. Matt on this *Holy Day of Obligation*.

Fr. Matt to Officially Become Pastor

Fr. Matt received an affirmative response to his request to be named pastor of St. Mary's. Effective January 1st, Fr. Matt will receive Pastor status and move beyond just being an Administrator of St. Mary's Parish. Not much changes in the day to day of parish life on account of this, but it does mean Fr. Matt is appointed to Coon Valley indefinitely.

The Longest Night: A Christmas Service of Hope, Strength and Community

Wednesday, December 12; 6:00 p.m., Coon Valley Lutheran Church, 1005 Central Avenue, Coon Valley. Join us for music, scripture, prayer and an opportunity to light a candle in acknowledgment of any grief, sorrow or sadness that might be present for you this year. Please reserve a candle at no cost by calling the Coon Valley Lutheran Church office at 452-3772 by December 10. All are truly welcome.

Movie Night on December 15th

All families and students are invited to our 2nd Movie Night. There will again be pizza, but feel free to bring a snack to share. Join Fr. Matt for a super fun time!

2019 Contribution Envelopes Available for Pickup

Your boxed envelopes are in the back of church. Please take yours with you this weekend, it will save on the mailing expense. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's. If you do not find your box, or you wish to receive envelopes please call or email the parish office.

Extra Christmas Mass Offered This Year!

You have more opportunities to celebrate this year. Fr. Matt will offer a 4:00 PM **and** a 7:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, as well as 9:15 AM on Christmas morning. He looks forward to seeing you all at the time most convenient for you.

End of the Year Giving

All contributions need to be to the parish by Sunday, Decem-

ber 30th to be included in the 2018 statements. All contributions received after the 30th will be included in the 2019 statements. Thanks you for your cooperation.

Haven't Been to Confession in a While?

Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. Join us on **December 19 at 7:00 PM for Penance Service** here at St. Mary's. Fr. Matt and Msgr. Kunz will be available to assist you no matter how long it as been. Confessions will follow the service. The Sacrament is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord.

Mass Intentions Available

We have the following dates available for the next couple of months:

Tuesday, Jan. 1—6:00 PM (**Holy Day**)

January—8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 or 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29

February—1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16 or 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26

Also, feel free to submit all your requests for 2019 to ensure you get that special date!

Religious Education

-Please note that there is still RE on Sunday morning after our RE movie night on Dec. 15th. Older students will help with Christmas decorating in and around church on Sunday. Movie night is not obligatory...its just super fun!

- Fr. Matt will hear Confessions for RE students class by class on Sunday Dec. 9th during class time. 5th - 10th graders encouraged to join the Reconciliation Service on Wed. Dec 19th at 7 PM.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and Help St. Mary's Parish

Amazon Smile is now up and and running for our parish! *Amazon Smile* is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, and will now supporting St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon. Log in to: amazon.com/smile and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" in the search bar provided. .5% of all your Amazon purchases will then come back to St. Mary's as a gift from Amazon. Its not an enormous contribution, but every bit helps! If you have any troubles logging in, please contact Fr. Matt. He will drive over and set it up for you! Let's help make St. Mary's even stronger financially!

2019 Calendars Have Arrived

The St. Mary's liturgical is a gift to you complements of the PCCW. Feel free to take one home with you today.

LIFETEEN Summer Camp

LIFETEEN is a Catholic Youth Ministry organization that develops Religious Education programs throughout the country. They also run a number of summer camps. In our Diocese La Crosse and Wausau area send a group each summer to their Camp Covecrest in Tiger, GA. If you will be entering 9th - 12th grade in the Fall 2019 you are eligible to attend. Fr. Matt is planning to go with the Aquinas students

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again this year and hopes some young people from our parish will be able to come along too. Registration is due soon. See this website for more info: <https://lifeteen.com/camps/camp-covecrest/>. Do not worry about price. Fr. Matt will help anyone who wants to attend to take part in this awesome camp. Any questions, please see Fr. Matt.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Donations/Christmas Tree Lighting

Again this year, the CV Lions will be hosting their Christmas Tree Lighting/Food Pantry Fundraiser project. Last year Saint Mary's parishioners and the Saint Mary's Men's Club contributed a total of \$775.00!!! (\$725 from parishioners), and our goal is to raise \$1.00 more this year... We will do the same as last year and use the food pantry collection basket in the back of church. All money that is in there, starting the weekend of October 27-28 until the weekend of December 22-23, will be designated as a contribution from Saint Mary's Parish to this Coon Valley Lions fundraiser. Please be generous and help us reach our goal and help the Coon Valley Lions reach their goal.

Annual Report to the Bishop Now Available

Copies of the 2017-2018 Annual Report may be found in the back of church.

Free Advent Prayer Books

The Word Among Us Advent prayer books are in the pews. Please take as many as you will find helpful!

Mon., Dec. 10 ~ Healing Through Grief Group will meet on Monday, November 26, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, in the Dale Conference Room at the Mayo Hospital Building (800 West Avenue South). Sessions include an educational topic and a time to share with others also experiencing grief. Free Confidential, one-on-one support is also available from a Franciscan Healthcare chaplain with specialized training in grief. Registration is not required, attend any or all sessions. For more information please call 608.785.0940 ext. 22218.

Adopt a Family this Christmas

Would you be willing to adopt a Door of Hope family this Christmas by providing a few gifts, gift cards and/or food to make their holiday a little more special? Some families in our community are experiencing a tough holiday season. If you are willing to help, please contact, Rachel Niemeyer at (608)637-8688

Confessions at MMOC—La Crosse

Wed., Dec. 5th Confessions at Mary, Mother of the Church in La Crosse. Fr. Matt assisting from 4 - 5 PM and 6:45 'til done.

Thurs., December 6 ~ Bishop Callahan's Advent Prayer Request Automated Phone Message - Bishop Callahan will be sending out his Advent Prayer Request via an automated call originating from 608-352-9565 on December 6, 2018. To submit your intention, just leave it as a message when you receive the call. Alternatively, you can call 608-352-9565, or you can go to diolc.org/pray to submit your request. All inten-

tions will be presented and prayed for at his Christmas Masses.

Pilgrimage ~ Please join Bishop Callahan on a nine-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lyon and Paris. On this all-inclusive pilgrimage, you will experience sites such as the Grotto of Massabielle and the pilgrim's path to Compostela, the Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese, the "Little Flower", Omaha Beach, and the City of Light, Paris, plus many more. Each guest will enjoy 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, as well as an opportunity for daily Mass and spiritual activities. For more information, contact the Bishop's office at 608-788-7700 or call Ashley at Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017.

December 9th, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Please join us for our annual **Advent Day of Prayer**. This is a day of reflection and prayer. We will journey with Mary to Bethlehem. Using imaginative prayer, we will enter into "deep listening" to all she "pondered within her heart." The cost for this day is \$45. Please call St. Anthony's at 715-443-2236 or visit us online at our Facebook page or at www.sarcenter.com to register for this day of prayer. If you would like to stay at St. Anthony's on the night before or after this event, please call to inquire for cost and availability..

Dec. 8/9 ~ Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at Holy Mass the weekend of December 8-9. Thank you for your support! *Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aid senior religious and their communities.*

Dec. 15/16 ~ Christkindlmarkt (Christmas Market) at the Shrine from 9:30 AM—3:30 PM. Authentic German Christmas Cookies, Variety of Strudels, Pies, Sweet Treats, Hot Apple Cider, Specialty Coffee and Hot Chocolate. Beautiful handcrafted items by local artist craftsman and shops.

Families – Your Feast Day is Almost Here!

Dec. 30th is the feast of the Holy Family. It is the day when families celebrate their ability to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) who showed us how to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect and faithfulness exist. What will your family do on the 30th to celebrate your feast day? For ideas go to: www.catholicicing.com.

2 Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago

There are two excellent opportunities to march for life once again this year. The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs Jan. 16-20, 2019. Visit www.diolc.org/vya and click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up. The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 13, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19 La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily: 7 AM & 6 PM

Catholic Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic Cable Television
Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley
Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite

Youth Religion Education Program:

Classes meet after the Sunday Mass from September to May. Coordinator: Paul Thompson. Email: thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at [<nfp@diolc.org>](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities offers many services in our diocese. Programs offered include: emergency services, adoption services, mental health counseling, financial counseling, HIV/AIDS ministries, immigration services, in-home support for children with disabilities, and domestic abuse services. For more information please call 1-888-212-HELP or visit [<www.cclse.org>](http://www.cclse.org).