

St. Mary's Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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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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The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioners:

It is a very old tradition in the Church to bless one's home on the feast of the Epiphany. As we remember the mutual hospitality offered by and given to the the 3 Magi we also ask for the blessing of God to accompany all who enter our doors... ourselves included! The blessing includes drawing with chalk over the front door of your home. The three letters represent the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. These letters are also a prayer of blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "Christ bless our home." Here's a form you can use for blessing your homes this year!

(Sign of the Cross)

The Wise Men Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star from God who became one of us at Christmas. May Jesus bless our home and remain with us throughout this whole new year. Amen.

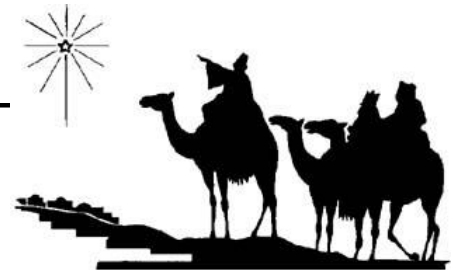
(Now trace this above your door on the frame: **20 + C + M + B + 19**)

(Now read **Lk 1: 46 - 55** OR pray the **Our Father**)

Lord, visit our home and fill it with your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the peace of your love, and help us show your love to each other. The Three Magi presented their gifts to you in love and praise, may we use our gifts this year for love of you and our neighbors. We ask this through Christ. Amen

(Sign of the Cross)

~Fr. Matt



SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

- 1) Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Matthew 2:1-12

FOCUS: The Epiphany points the way toward life.

Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person's journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to rise up because the light (God) has come and they will praise the Lord with overflowing hearts. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear that the mystery which was not revealed to other generations has been made known and that all are co-heirs and co-partners in the work and promises of Christ. Today's Gospel is the account of the Magi who journey far as they seek out the long-awaited Christ, encountering King Herod in Jerusalem along the way, and then finding the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

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, Jan 12, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Jan 13, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Lilly and Chloe Ackerman	Volunteers
Reader:	Robert Kerska	Ryan Goodwin
Communion Minister:	Mary Humfeld	Sue Humfeld
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Dave Humfeld and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Willy Urbanek and Loree Nickelotti	

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
12/31/2018		
	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,425.00	\$8,175.00
Target Amount	\$11,405.00	\$11,405.00
Over/Under	(\$980.00)	(\$3,230.00)
Percent Pledged: 91.41%, Percent Received: 71.68%		
Number Contributing	28	

Giving Last Week		Week 52	12/30/2018
Adult Envelopes	\$1,065.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$148.00	Received This Week	\$1,213.00
Total	\$1,213.00	Running total Needed	\$72,800.00
		Running total Received	\$71,740.27
		Difference	(1,059.73)
30 of 115 Sunday envelopes received			

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: **January**-29; **February**-5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 20, 26; **March**-1, 2 or 3, 12, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 30, & 31 **April**-2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 23, 26, & 30
Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Jan. 5	4:00 PM	†Cletus and Gen Stark
Jan. 6	9:15 AM	The People of God
Jan. 8	6:00 PM	†Joseph Berra, Sr.
Jan. 9	8:00 AM	†Ronald Hammes
Jan. 11	8:00 AM	†Jim Coonan
Jan. 12	4:00 PM	†Daniel Urbanek
Jan. 6	9:15 AM	†Theodore Ollendick and Bette Fleming

Upcoming Events/Calendar

Jan 6	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 8	6:00 PM	Evening Weekday Mass
Jan 12	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 15	7:00 PM	Men's Club meeting in the church basement
Jan. 15	6:30 PM	PCCW Meeting
Jan 15-18		NO Weekday Masses —Fr. Matt will be visiting family
Jan 20	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 22	6:00 PM	Evening Weekday Mass
Jan 22	After Mass	Council Meeting
Jan 27	After Mass	NO Religious Education Classes
Jan 29	6:00 PM	Evening Weekday Mass
Feb 1	After Mass	First Friday Adoration
Feb 3	After Mass	Religious Education Classes

Announcements

New Schedules Now Available

Schedules for Money Counters, Readers, Communion Ministers and Ushers are available for pickup in the back of church, as well as on line.

Servers will now be signing up for serving via a website: signupgenius.com (a link to the site is also on our Parish Website at stmarycv.org). Invites should have gone out to every server family via e-mail from Fr. Matt and then they can pick the times that they want for serving (be sure to check your junk mail box if you do not receive the invite). The website also makes it easy to swap days. You log in (using that link) and then you can click on the day you would like to swap for. That family will be e-mailed and have to accept the swap. Please consider serving at least once a

month. It would be great to have at least one server per weekend Mass. Parents make sure to check and know when your children are serving. Thank you everyone!

2019 Contribution Envelopes

There are still a few boxes left in back of church. Please take yours home today. Thank you!

No Weekday Masses January 14-18

Fr. Matt will be visiting family Jan 14-18, 2019 and will not offer weekday masses. St. Joseph Ridge Parish offers 8:30 AM on Tues. and Thurs., St. Peter Parish (Middle Ridge) offers Wed. and Fri. at 8:00 AM and Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua offers Tues. 5:15 PM, Wed-Fri. at 8:00 AM.

Taking a Stand...Making a Difference Signature Ad

The 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion (Roe v. Wade, Jan. 22, 1973) will soon be here. We invite you to join with other prolife members of our community in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life. This annual signature ad commemorating all of the precious lives lost to abortion will be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday, January 20th (Ad is sponsored by the La Crosse chapter of Wis. Right to Life).

If you would like to be included in this ad, PLEASE PRINT your name on the sheet in the back of church. Any donations to help defray the cost of the ad may be placed in the designated box next to the signup sheet. Thank you!

Pilgrimage with Bishop William P. Callahan

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, see the flyer posted in the back of church and feel free to **take a Flyer/Reservation Agreement with you today**. If you have questions please call the Diocese at 608-788-7700 or call Ashley at Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017.

January 7 ~ Begin the New Year with Emotionally Mature Children

Do your children test your resolve with their emotional immaturity? Do you need some suggestions on how to moderate the drama in your family? Then plan to attend the Raise Them Well Webinar on emotional maturity, January 7th at 7PM. You can be part of this webinar from the comfort of your own home. Just register and watch the entire presentation on your computer or smartphone. Cost \$5. Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/

January 12, 26 & February 23 ~ GIVEN Marriage Retreat ~ GIVEN is a one-day retreat that fosters a deeper understanding of Marriage. It includes inspiring talks, energizing music and meaningful conversation. Retreats will be held

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in Marshfield (Jan.12, 2019), Chippewa Falls (Jan. 26, 2019) and La Crosse (Feb. 23, 2019). Dating, engaged and married couples are encouraged to attend. To get more information and/or register visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ (see the flyer posted in back of church).

January 12 and 26 ~ Burning Hearts Theology of the Body “Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender.” Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn and understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God’s plan for sexuality. The dates and locations are: January 12, 2019 at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Tomah, WI. January 26, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Wausau, WI. *Each day will run 9:00am-3:45pm. The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it’s \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

January 14 ~ Raise Them Well Parenting Webinar
What role should emotions play in a child’s life? How do you teach kids to control their emotions and to look beyond them? Join Alice Heinzen and Jeff Arrowood on-line on January 14th at 7PM for a great presentation and discussion on emotional maturity. Cost \$5. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars.

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC registration is open
Consider joining other pilgrims from the Diocese of La Crosse traveling to Washington DC on January 16 returning on January 20, 2019. The annual Pilgrimage for Life is open to all people ages 13 and up. Either join the group from your parish or contact the diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adult at 608-791-2652 or visit our website at diolc.org/m41-reg

Winter Tea Garden: Lessons From Narnia
January 19, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Investment: \$45 per person (tables may be reserved in groups of six), Note: All net profits from this event benefit our three scholarship funds.
We invite you to come in from the cold and spend a winter afternoon in Narnia, the land from the beloved fantasy series *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

This fourth annual tea party event is not only a warm and cheerful way to break up the winter months but also an opportunity to "pay it forward." Proceeds benefit our scholarship funds, ensuring that all who want to attend our programs and retreats can do so. As a special treat, guests can bid on a special Narnia-themed painting created by artist Mary Thompson during this event. **Please register online at www.FSCenter.org or by calling 608-791-5295** The Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse. **Seats are limited**

January 22 ~ The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will feature Joseph M. Scheidler, founder of the Pro-Life Action League, for a talk in the church on January 22 at 10:00 am. A Mass for Life celebrated by the Friars will follow at 11:00 am, after which there

will be a pizza buffet on the lower level of the church (\$5 per person with pre-order required by Jan. 2). For group reservations, call 608-782-5440, ext. 240.

U.S. Bishops Raise Social Concerns

The U.S. Bishops invite you to make your voice heard in Washington on a number of issues, including:

- Protection of Catholic adoption and foster care agencies
- Global relief of poverty and hunger
- Protection of the right to seek asylum

For information and action alerts, see diolc.org/social-concerns.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Feb. 1-2, 2019

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center Feb. 1-2, 2019, and then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

Diocesan Lay Formation Institute classes begins in fall of 2019

- Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.diolc.org/lay-formation. You can also watch a 3-minute slideshow shot at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center. If you are interested, discuss this with your pastor. For more information, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-2667.

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

Amazon Smile is now up 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, **or simply click the new link on our parish website: stmarvcv.org.**



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).