

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.....5:15 pm

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

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 - 5:15 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



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor


Fourth Sunday of Easter and World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 30, 2023

Readings: 556A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sunday Readings

April 30, 2023

1) Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 2) 1 Peter 2:20b-25;
3) John 10:1-10


<u>Intentions</u>
Apr 29 ~ 4:00 PM - † Bette Callan
Apr 30 ~ 8:00 AM - † Joan Clements
May 02 ~ 5:15 PM - † Wayne Stuber
May 04 ~ 8:00 AM - † Helen Stafslieen
May 06 ~ 4:00 PM - † Linda Jeffers
May 07 ~ 8:00 AM - † Ed Gorman

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 17, Jul 2, 29 & 30, Aug 6, 13, & 20, Sep 17.

Weekdays open: Jun 6 & 22, Aug 1, 29, & 31. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer


Upcoming Events/Calendar

- April 29/30 ~ *Inspired by the Spirit Reception* after Mass
- May 4 ~ Confirmation in Richland Center at 6:30 PM
- May 8 ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- May 9 ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- May 11 ~ Catechism Study Group after 8 AM Mass
- May 13/14 ~ Mother's Day weekend Rose Sale
- May 21 ~ HS Graduate Blessing and First Communion during Mass, Religious Education end of year celebration after Mass.

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

Catechism Study Group

The next meeting will be **May 11**, with the following dates being May 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel.



Catechism

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am




Next Week in Service — May 6/7

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

Readers:	Sat. – Jeana LeJeune	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg	

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).

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.



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.

Giving Last Week		Week 16	4/16/2023
Adult Env(29)	\$2112.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$157.00	Received This Week	\$2,187.00
Easter Env (2)	\$120.00	Running total needed	\$32,000.00
Holy Week Offertory Share	\$75.00	YTD Received	\$30,343.00
Total	\$2112.00	Difference	(1,657.00)

Giving Last Week		Week 17	4/23/2023
Adult Env(31)	\$1000.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$130.15	Received This Week	\$1,157.15
Votives	\$27.00	Running total needed	\$34,000.00
Total	\$1157.15	YTD Received	\$31,500.15
Food Pantry	\$60.00	Difference	(2,499.85)
Mite Box (1)	\$3.91	Rice Bowls (4)	\$20.37

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

I'm writing this at just about the halfway mark through my retreat, and it's all reflection, no business. Something like 35 of our diocese's priests are out in Oconomowoc at an old Redemptorist retreat center. To give you a little look into my personal support structure, I just met with my fraternity – three classmates and the two guys ordained the year ahead of us – who are all on retreat too. Our fraternity has been gathering on a monthly basis ever since ordination, usually on a Sunday night to Monday morning, to communicate what's going on in our lives, what is building us up, what's difficult and where the Holy Spirit is moving in our respective assignments and lives of discipleship. It's one of the great blessings of being a priest and especially of getting ordained at the beginning of the pandemic to come together with this group of brothers.

Anyway, allow me to share with you one of the themes that's been resonating over the last few days –the Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux. Therese was a Carmelite nun toward the end of the 19th century, and her short 24-year life was marked by a profound and simple intimacy with Christ. Not too long-ago John Paul II named her one of the 36 Doctors of the Church (a group of Saints who've contributed in a game changing way to our understanding of the faith) in large part for her development of the Little Way. Therese suffered significantly throughout her life – first losing her mother to breast cancer when Therese was four years old, then over the next decade losing two of her sisters who had filled in that maternal role when they went to the convent, dealing with bouts of physical illness and weakness and finally dying of tuberculosis, and gracefully accepting the gift of tremendous spiritual dryness throughout her nunhood. Therese also deeply desired to do something extraordinary with her life of discipleship (my word, not hers), not for the sake of making a name for herself but for the sake of giving absolutely everything to God, but she wasn't in a place to do anything that might look extraordinary at all. She lived in a cloistered convent, woke up early every morning in a cold cell, prayed rigorously and faithfully, did her chores, went to bed and started again the next day.

All of this shaped her spiritual vision of the Little Way – doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. Part of the beauty of St. Therese's life and vision is the extraordinary simplicity of her trust and love – she didn't want to be well known or be a Great Saint – she just wanted to be a little Saint, which is in fact still a Saint. Why do I bring this up? Partly because it's on my heart this week, but also because it might be a powerful attitude for our parishes to adopt – for each one of us to do the deeply personal and completely ordinary work of discipleship with extraordinarily great love.

God bless you, and I'll see you this weekend, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Our Parish has started the process of setting up this campaign. We prayerfully ask you to **attend the reception this weekend -April 29/30** to learn more about the details of the funding opportunities for our parish and the Diocese. The *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.



PCCW Spring Luncheon

Thank you for all who worked and attended the luncheon this afternoon/yesterday.



Please pray for our Confirmation Candidate

Alison Fortun

who will receive the sacrament on
May 4, 2023

Grant that she may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Rosary for the Month of May

May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, we will be reciting the rosary before the weekend masses in May. If you are interested in helping with this, please call or text Karen Callan 608 397-3490. Thanks! Be at the church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate.



Mother's Day Weekend Rose Sale

The PCCW will hold it's annual Rose Sale after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. The beauty and delicacy of the rose reminds us of the dignity of each human life. Please consider purchasing a rose for the special woman in your life or in memory of that special person.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

St. Joseph Ridge Blood Drive

Monday, May 1 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm at the Greenfield Town Hall. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are preferred, please call 877-232-4376 or go online [versiti.org/wi](https://www.versiti.org/wi).

Chicken-Que - May 11

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw,

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

What are Parents Searching For? Why is this Important in Helping Parents Come to Mass?

Webinar – **May 2nd or May 5th** You won't want to miss Dr. Bill Keimig, a sought after presenter on Franciscan at Home online learning. Bill will address this critically important topic in an interactive webinar on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6-7:30 p.m. or Friday, May 5th from 1-2:30 p.m. Email Beth Johnson at bjohnson@diolc.org to register for this free webinar.

Employment Opportunity

Catholic Charities has a part-time opening (24 hours/week) for a Volunteer Coordinator to lead recruitment, outreach, onboarding and matching of volunteers to Catholic Charities programs and projects. Position requires participating in community wide volunteer recruitment events and interacting with potential volunteers of all ages, from college students to retirees. Qualifications include 1-2 years of related work experience and solid communication skills. Follow-up and follow-through is key to being successful in this position. Some regional travel required. Part-time benefits available including generous paid leave, holiday time and 401(k) plan. For immediate consideration, please fill out an application online at <https://cclse.org/volunteer-coordinator-la-crosse/> and attach your resume and cover letter.

Sacred Music Concert - May 28

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, is presenting a concert of Sacred Music, May 28th, in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The concert will be representative of multiple periods of music, various instruments, and vocal talent. Learn more and stay up to date with events at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

CALIX—For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. CALIX (calixsociety.org) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612.383.8232 (Jim R.) or 651.587.4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

5 Day Youth Choir Camp - Jun 19-23

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18) June 19-23, 2023, 9:15am - Noon . Many elements of music will be studied each day, with emphases on singing, tuning and intonation, rounds, Gregorian chant, hymns, chanting of Psalms, games and of course fun! The entire group will come together twice each day, singing things they've learned, and will also sing for the 12:15pm Mass in the Shrine Church each of the five days.

Register online at www.guadalupe Shrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp!

Family camp dates for summer 2023 are June 9th-11th and July 21-23! To come to family camp, you simply must be a family interested in deepening your family's faith, together, in the great outdoors! For more information, visit www.crosswoods.camp/

Activity Corner

Fill-in-the-Blanks

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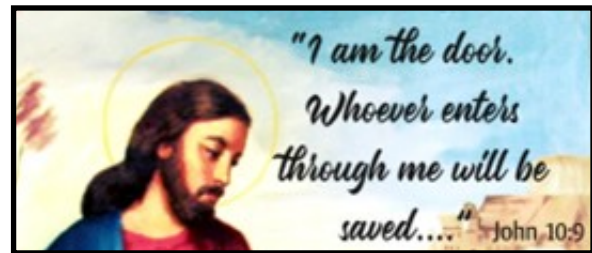
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REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, _____¹²_____, I say to _____⁹_____, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but _____¹¹_____ over elsewhere is a _____⁵_____ and a robber. But whoever _____²_____ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The _____¹_____ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls _____¹⁰_____ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has _____⁸_____ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his _____³_____. But they will not follow a stranger; they _____⁴_____ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of _____⁷_____, the Pharisees did not _____⁶_____ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

ANSWER: know His voice.



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