

PASTOR

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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..... Stations of the Cross..... 5:15 pm

Mass.....5:45 pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

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

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

PARISH OFFICE

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

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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 - 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

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

THIS IS MY SON

WHOM I LOVE;

WITH HIM

I AM

WELL PLEASED.

LISTEN TO HIM!

MATTHEW 17:5B

Second Sunday of Lent

Fr. Joe Richards

Pastor

March 5, 2023

Readings: 505A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday Readings

March 05, 2023

1) *Genesis 12:1-4a*; 2) *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*
3) *Matthew 17:1-9*


Intentions
Mar 4 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Mar 5 ~ 8:00 AM - The Fleming Family
Mar 7 ~ 5:45 PM - Our Parish Family
Mar 9 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Stevenson
Mar 11 ~ 4:00 PM - † Woody Roningen
Mar 12 ~ 8:00 AM - † Gavin Williams

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 4, 17, & 25.
Jul 1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 29 & 30.

Weekdays open: May 16, 25, & 30. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmarysev@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Mar 11/12


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

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

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



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.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **March 5** ~ *Religious Education Class* after 8 AM Mass
- **March 7** ~ 5:15 PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows ~ 7:00 PM, Finance Council Meeting
- **March 12** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua following the 10:30 AM Mass
- **March 14** ~ 4:00 PM, Pastoral Council Meeting ~ 5:15 PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- **March 16** ~ after 8 AM Mass, Coffee and Fellowship ~ 5:30 PM, PCCW Meeting
- **March 21** ~ 5:15PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- **March 23** ~ *Catechism Study Group* meeting after Mass
- **March 25** ~ *Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner* serving 4-7 PM
- **March 28** ~ 5:15PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows

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

Tuesday Evenings 5:15 PM
followed by Mass (during Lent)




STATIONS of the CROSS

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



- 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 (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).

Giving Last Week		Week 09	2/26/2023
Adult Env.(32)	\$1,260.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$141.00	Received This Week	\$1,569.00
Catholic Life	\$45.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$18,000.00
<u>Votives</u>	<u>\$123.00</u>	YTD Received	\$16,471.00
Total	<u>\$1,569.00</u>	Difference	(1,529.00)
Food Pantry	\$95.00		

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

I've got a bit of news for you, followed by a bit of business that has to do with that bit of news. By official wording,

The Reverend Joseph M. Richards, Parochial Administrator of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua and St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley, is appointed Pastor, effective February 28, 2023. His residence will remain at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish rectory in Viroqua.

That's good news. At my half-year-here mark back in January I approached both of our Pastoral Councils for feedback and reported that feedback along with my own request to be made Pastor to the Diocese, and the Diocesan Personnel Council and the Bishop approved that request. You might be asking yourself "what does this mean?" First off, great question. Second, when a priest is first put into the pastoring role, the Diocese first assigns him in a placeholder "Parochial Administrator" capacity for anywhere from a few months to a year. This gives both the priest and the people of the parish a trial period of sorts – a chance for the priest to ask "is this place the right fit for me?" and for the people to ask "is this priest the right guy for us?" What changes in day-to-day operations? Not too much. What changes on a very real spiritual level? You've got a Pastor.

Now let me share those bits of business happening alongside this transition:

- ⇒ First, **an installation Mass**. We've mentioned this a few times, but there will be an installation Mass up in Viroqua on March 25 at 10:30 AM, with the deans of both La Crosse (Msgr. Kachel) and Richland Center (Fr. Nathan) present to do the installing. Both of our PCCW's are leading the charge with a luncheon afterward – please keep your eyes peeled for more information, but in the meantime save the date! This Mass doesn't count for Sunday, which means if you go to the installation Mass you get extra holy that weekend.
- ⇒ Second, **the Triduum**. One of the ongoing tensions we're going to need to grow through is the balancing act of operating two parishes with one pastor. I'll level with you, this balancing act already has and is still quite simply going to need heroic generosity from the people of both Coon Valley and Viroqua. We're going to see this shortly with the Triduum (specifically Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil), where Viroqua will host both our parishes for the two once-a-day celebrations. **Our schedule between the two parishes stands:**
 - ◆ *Holy Thursday*, Mass of the Lord's Supper – 5:15 in Viroqua
 - ◆ *Good Friday*, the Lord's Passion – 12:10 in Coon Valley
 - ◆ *Good Friday*, the Lord's Passion – 3:00 in Viroqua
 - ◆ *Holy Saturday*, the Easter Vigil – 8:15 PM (Dusk) in Viroqua
 - ◆ *Easter Sunday*, standard Sunday schedule
- ⇒ Finally, the **Capital Campaign**. You'll be hearing more and more about the "Inspired by the Spirit" campaign over the next several months. Here in Coon Valley, we're investing our campaign returns in some recent and ongoing buildings and grounds projects (e.g. gutters and sidewalks respectively), some liturgical aids (e.g. Gospel Book), and some renovations to the rectory. Again, keep your eyes peeled and we'll keep pulling back the curtain on this effort as time goes on.

And that's enough business for today. God bless you all and thank you for the opportunity to be your pastor! ~ Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner March 25th

The dinner is a go! We need your help to make it a success.



Info about the Dinner

The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on Sat., March 25. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, Kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs also available. There will also be 50/50 drawing and tip boards. Join us for some great food and fun at St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley.

Signup to Work

There are signup sheets in the back of church for various positions. There's options for all types of talents.

Advertising

Spread the word about the dinner. Post the flyer in today's bulletin somewhere in the community or where you work. Be sure to invite your friends and family!



Did you know that St. Mary's Parish hasn't had a photo directory done since 2010?

In the last 13 years our membership has changed considerably. A committee is being formed to discuss how to move forward. If you are interested in helping with this project message the parish office or contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Daily Reflection Lenten Booklets and Lenten Materials

Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just a few minutes each day, the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance. Feel free to pick one up today from the back of church along with any of the other materials you find helpful.

The **Catechism Study Group** has decided to meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (there are a few exceptions) after the 8:00 AM mass for eight sessions. The first meeting will be March 23 which will give members time to complete the readings before the discussion session. The rest of the meetings will be April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel to get the discussion book and the first assignment.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Has Concluded



All Baby Bottles are due now. Please bring them to church ASAP if you have not already. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

Roasters for Sale - The PCCW as purchased new roasters for the church kitchen. Now they would like to dispose of the old ones by allowing parishioners to purchase them for \$5 each. If you are interested in purchasing a roaster contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198.

Parish Announcements continued

Next PCCW Meeting will be held on March 16th at 5:30PM. We will be making final plans for Fr. Joe's installation as our new pastor. Please attend if you are able.

Easter Flower Donations

Your booklet of envelopes holds an envelope for Easter Flowers; however, additional envelopes are also available in the back of church.



CRS Rice Bowls: HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

With ongoing conflicts, extreme weather events and widespread inflation making it more difficult for families around the world to put food on the table, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) invites Catholics across the U.S. to pray, fast and give alms through its annual Lenten program CRS Rice Bowl. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Bowls available in the back of the church.

Student Mite Boxes: The student boxes support the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). Today it is in 110 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. Under its banner "children helping children", monies raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources. **Youth are encouraged to support other children around the world by donating during Lent. Boxes are available in the back of church.**

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Pancake Breakfast - March 5

8 AM - Noon, Coon Valley Lutheran Church. Adults \$8; age 6-12,\$4; 0-5, free.

Reservation Only Fish Fry - CV Lutheran

Coon Valley Lutheran Church are hosting a Fish Fry on Wednesday, March 22nd from 4-6 PM Purchase advance tickets for your half hour time slot. 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00. The cost is \$12.00 for 2 pieces of Cod, baked potato and Coleslaw. Beverages will be available for dine in only. Carryout available. Call Glenn Hoff 608-632-3578 or Mike Lusk 608-452-3472. **Deadline for reserving a ticket is March 8th.**

Join St. Joseph Ridge Parish for the Eucharist Lectio Series with Brant Pitre. Starting Feb. 28th at 6:15 in the school hall. Please call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828 to express interest or to ask questions. This 10 session series explores Scripture, history and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST.

Caregiver Opportunities

The Villa St. Joseph is currently seeking part-time nurses (RN or LPN) for 1st, 2nd & 3rd shifts. We are looking for someone who shares our values of partnership and compassion and desires a culture that has a commitment to relationship-centered care. Interested applicants may apply online at <https://www.fspa.org/content/join/employment-opportunities>

Excellent Resources to accompany your Lenten journey.

- Real Life Catholic with Chris Stefanick reallifecatholic.com Fearless - a free, 7-week video series on fear.
- Dynamic Catholic with Matthew Kelly dynamiccatholic.com/lent Discover the real you: Sign up to receive two free videos each day.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

- Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron wordonfire.org/calendar/lent Receive daily Gospel Reflections.
- The Ultimate Guide to Lent with Fr. Mike Schmitz media.ascensionpress.com/2023 Short videos to better understand Lent.
- Lenten Resources from the US Bishops usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent Readings for the day; articles; prayers and devotions.


Chicken Que & Bake Sale - Sunday, Mar. 12 11 AM - gone.


Tippy Toe Inn, Chaseburg. \$12, eat in or drive thru, includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw & bread. Proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Fish Fry at MMOC, La Crosse - Mar 24

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 24, from 4:00-7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

Pray + Fast + Give

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
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	<p>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net</p>
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The Second Week of Lent

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

*“Prayer is the encounter
with God, with God who never lets
us down; with God who is faithful
to his word; with God who does not
abandon his children.”*

— POPE FRANCIS

Encountering Christ

Matthew 17:1-9

Today's Gospel reveals a personal encounter with Christ.

Jesus, James, Peter, and John go up the mountain to pray. While they are there, Jesus is transfigured in glory. After Jesus reassures the others, they do not want to leave the mountaintop. This encounter with a transfigured Christ challenges the disciples — and all of us — to embrace the divinity of Jesus, but then to go back down the mountain where we can become more Christ-like in service to others.

Maybe you started your Lenten journey on the mountaintop with Christ. Perhaps you know that your life has to change, but you are not sure how to accomplish that. Don't give up! It's only the Second Sunday of Lent. There is still plenty of time to encounter Christ and transform your life.

FOR REFLECTION

- › In what ways have you encountered Christ in your life?
- › How did your encounters with Christ change you?
- › What would you have to do in order to become more Christ-like?

LENT TRIVIA ?

1. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
2. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
3. What word is never said or sung during Lent?

Answers on reverse.

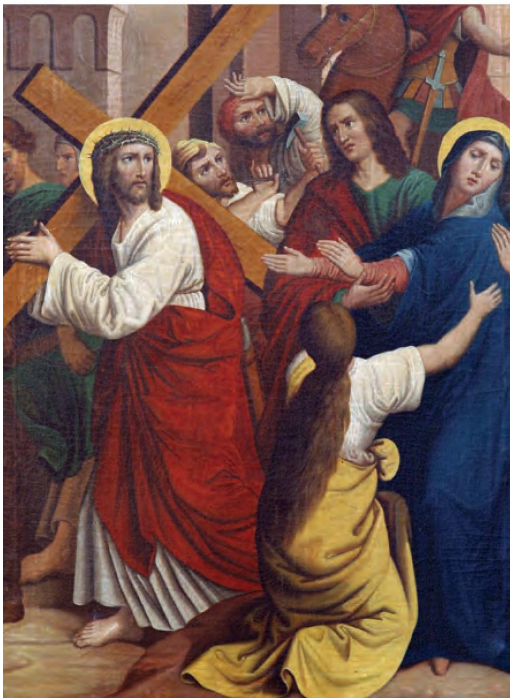


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Offered Tuesday evenings at 5:15 PM during Lent

The Stations of the Cross



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Telling the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus was an important part of the early Christian's experience. In the late fourth century, people made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to follow the path Jesus took to Calvary. During the Middle Ages, when wars made it difficult to reach the Holy Land, people created a "Sorrowful Way" with paintings or sculptures along a processional route or inside a church. By the middle of the eighteenth century the devotion became known as the Stations of the Cross. Most parishes offer communal celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, but you can also pick up a prayer booklet and pray the Stations on your own or with your family.

Family Focus



Lent is a great time to experiment as a family with new types of prayer. In the morning, give each family member a chance to pray for a special intention. At dinnertime, ask each family member to pray for one person who is in need of prayers. After dinner, turn off the television and spend some quality family reading Scripture or praying the Rosary together. Before bedtime, use holy water to bless each family member.

Prayer

Prayer begins with a desire to encounter Christ and evolves into a loving relationship with him. We give ourselves to Christ in prayer, and he responds by helping us to follow in his footsteps.

If you are finding it difficult to pray, you may be experiencing spiritual dryness. Feelings of spiritual dryness are often God's way of strengthening your faith. It's easy to love the Lord when you feel spiritually connected. When you don't feel anything, it doesn't mean that you don't love God, and it definitely doesn't mean that God stopped loving you!

Even if you don't feel like praying, promise yourself that you will set aside prayer time every day. Prayer provides you with the strength you need to continue your journey through Lent and through life.

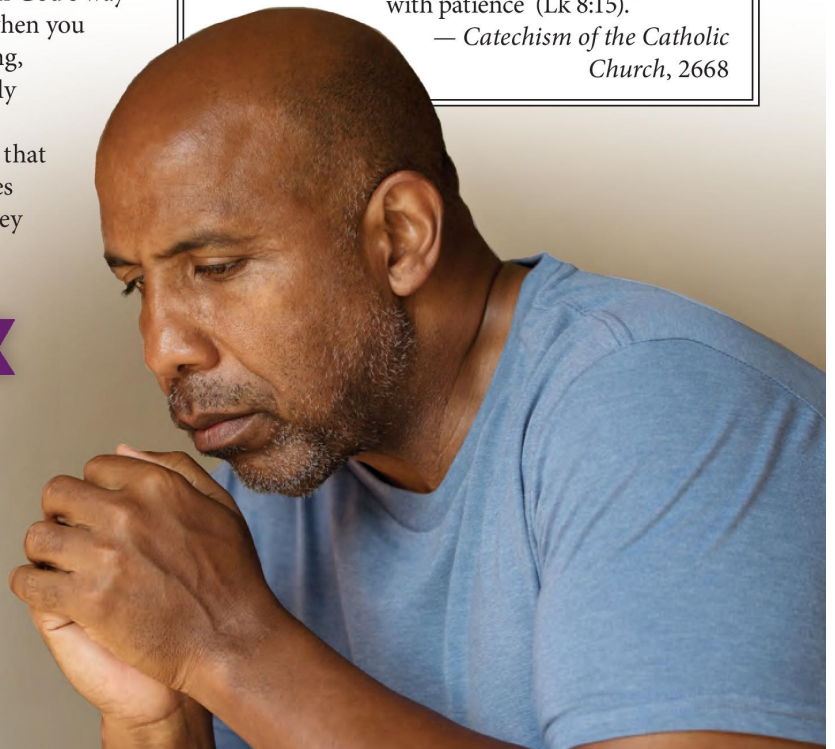
Lenten Prayer

One of the simplest, yet most profound ways to encounter Christ is through the Jesus Prayer. It is an ancient prayer that helps us to focus our hearts and minds as we repeat the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner."

Catechism CONNECTION

"The invocation of the holy name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always. When the holy name is repeated often by a humbly attentive heart, the prayer is not lost by heaping up empty phrases, but holds fast to the word and 'brings forth fruit with patience' (Lk 8:15)."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2668



Answers: 1. Purple vestments. 2. The Gloria. 3. Alleluia.



SPAGHETTI & PASTA DINNER

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COON VALLEY WI

March 25 from 4 pm – 7 pm

\$12 adults \$5 kids under 12

Children under 3 free

Plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk, or water. Ice cream for dessert.

Carryouts available.

Wine and beer available for purchase.

Try your luck at our 50/50 drawings & Tip Boards