

St. Mary's Parish

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses (NEW TIMES):

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Area Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

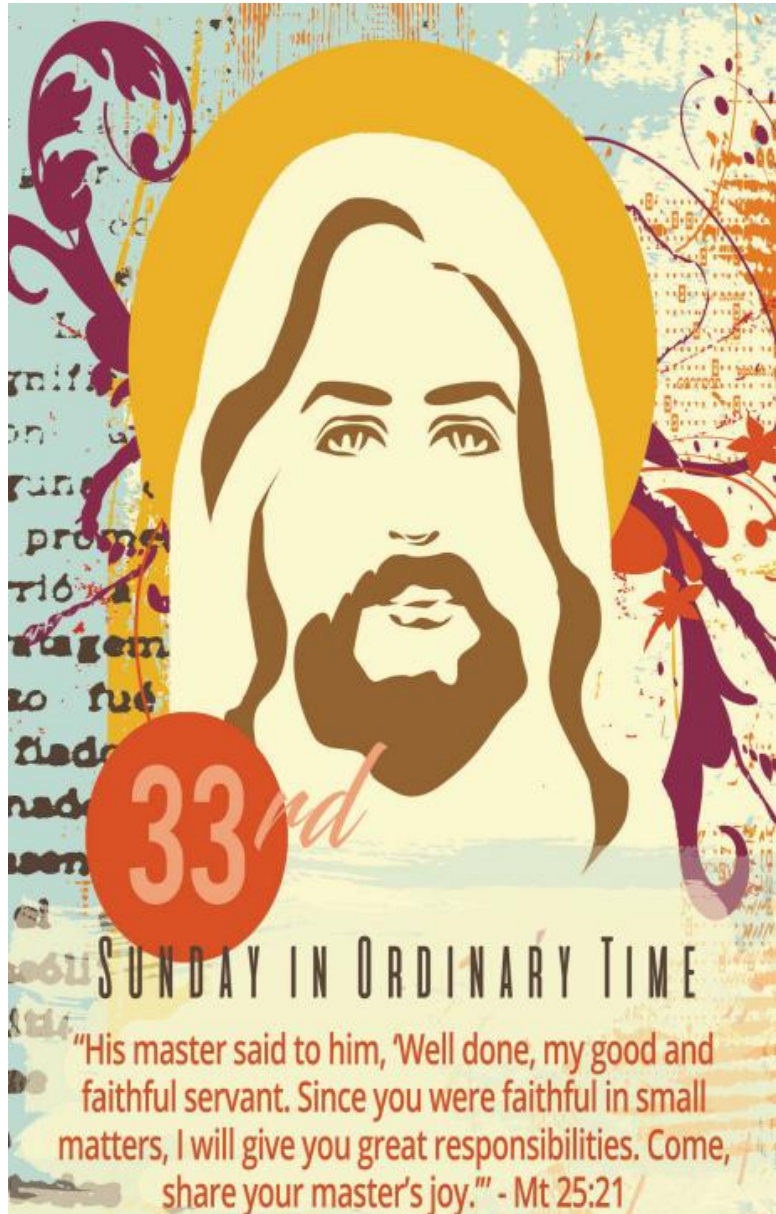
Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND frmatmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of a sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

Book of Prayer Requests: Please call or email Fr. Matt to have an intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.



Fr. Matthew Marshall
Pastor
November 15, 2020

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- 1) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
- 3) Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

FOCUS: God empowers us to participate in his work to bring about good in the world.

We are called to participate in God's work to multiply goodness in our world, and God gives us all we need for this work. Especially in the Eucharist, we receive God's grace and strength that we, too, may be faithful in small matters and great responsibilities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from Proverbs declares a worthy wife as having value *far beyond pearls*. She is described as bringing goodness, being entrusted with her husband's heart, hard-working, and in fear of the Lord. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they are *children of the light and children of the day*, and thus, disaster will not befall them when the day of the Lord comes. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of the faithful servant who multiplies the talents given him by his master.

Intentions

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| Nov 14 ~ 8:00 AM - †Alex J. Roskos |
| Nov 15 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jennette C. Duda |
| Nov 17 ~ 6:00 PM - †Jim Coonan |
| Nov 19 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jim Coonan |
| Nov 21 ~ 8:00 AM - †Albina Sedevie |
| Nov 22 ~ 8:00 AM - †Tom, Jim and Dick Ruff |

Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 11/14/20	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$1,885.00	\$1,685.00
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
Amt Under Target	<u>(\$11,040.00)</u>	<u>(\$11,240.00)</u>
Percent Pledged: 14.58%, Percent Received: 13.04%		
Number Contributing	8	

Next Week in Service — Nov. 22th

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti (or volunteer) and Curt Horman
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Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **November 15** ~ RE Class for grades 5-10 after Mass
 - **November 26** ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass - 8:00 AM
 - **December 06** ~ RE Class for grades K-4 after Mass
 - **December 08** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—**Holy Day of Obligation**
 - **December 13** ~ RE Class for grades 5-10 after Mass
 - **December 20** ~ Blue Christmas Service with Immanuel Lutheran (time TBD)
 - **December 24** ~ Christmas Eve Mass
 - **December 25** ~ Christmas Day Mass
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- Our Sunday Mass Streaming Live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>
 - **Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday Noon to 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730 or with **AmazonSmile ON** in the Amazon Shopping app.



Giving Last Week		Week 45	11/8/2020
Adult Env.(21)	\$870.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$49.00	Received This Week	\$919.00
		YTD Needed	\$85,500.00
Total	\$1,727.00	YTD Received	\$79,091.32
		Difference	(6,408.68)

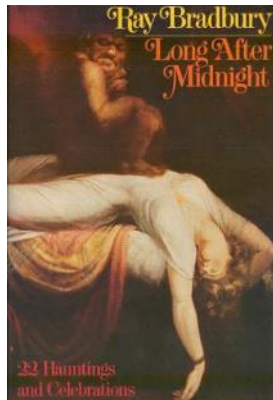
DID YOU KNOW?

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.

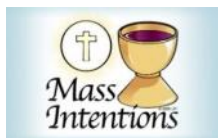
From Fr. Matt

- **Servers and Readers** We need servers and readers to assist at Mass during COVID time. These are not age determined ministries. **Adults can serve, children can read.** The Mass is not meant to have almost all spoken parts said by just the priest. Sunday Eucharist is supposed to be a celebration put together by the whole community. If you are able to help in either capacity, please let Fr. Matt know. The minimal training can be provided at a time that works for you. Thank you!

- **God's Kingdom Among Us!** Fr. Matt will occasionally put in the Bulletin different media (e.g. songs, poems, art, books, movies, etc.) that may have helpful connections to the Sunday readings. The idea is to help us all discover new ways that God speaks to us from everyday life. Like Jesus said in Lk 17:21: "...the kingdom of God is among you." This week Fr. Matt suggests checking out the song "**The Glamourous Life**" by Sheila E. or the short story "**Drink Entire: Against the Madness of Crowds**" by Ray Bradbury.



Parish Announcements



We are accepting Mass Intention requests for 2021. If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early. **Sunday Masses** are booked through

May 16, 2021. **Saturdays** are booked through July. **Weekday**, on a Tues., are more readily available starting Jan 19th. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or call on a Tuesday or Wednesday for available dates.

2021 Parish Calendar

The St. Mary's 2021 calendars are now available for pickup in the back of church. These beautiful calendars contain liturgical dates and Holy Days.



We are proud to announce the baptism of Louis Anthony Goodwin

Child of Ryan Adam Goodwin
and Bridget LeAnn (Adams) Goodwin



~ We welcome him to the church and congratulate his parents ~

Financial Support Options

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- 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 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- Drop you contribution envelope off at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Staying Connected

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

The Importance of Thanksgiving

During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. The following Scripture passages help us to know how to express our gratitude to God. Take a minute to stop and read these Bible verses aloud as you think about all the ways God has blessed you this past year!



- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).
- "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

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Diocesan/Local Announcements

39th Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The **Festival of Sharing** - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner has been approved by the Health Department. Volunteers are needed to make this dinner possible. If you would like to help out or want more information on the dinner, please visit: <http://www.laxthanksgivingdinner.com>.

Westby Lions Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 26, 2020, 11 AM-1 PM – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Drive-Thru Only. Due to the pandemic, there will be no in-person dining. Please follow the signs to the drive-thru in the parking lot. As in past years, no reservations necessary. Free will offering to support the community.

Week of Nov. 15th Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 16 November

St Margaret of Scotland - Apocalypse 1:1-4, 2:1-5—The opening words of this reading promise us happiness—if we listen! The close of the letter is a call to repentance, never too late!
Luke 18:35-43—The blind man is strategically placed on the road out of Jericho, just when pilgrims would be feeling uplifted by the proximity of the Holy City. In expanded form, the prayer of the blind man has entered Christian tradition as the “Jesus prayer”: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Tuesday 17 November

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious - Apocalypse 3:1-6, 14-22
 The gospel communities in Sardis and Laodicea give the impression being alive...but the reality is otherwise. This wake-up call is for us too.

Luke 19:1-10 This beloved story has universal appeal. It illustrates both the proclamation of the Good News and its reception by conversation of heart. Of course, we all have to climb our own sycamore trees!

Wednesday 18 November

Dedication of the basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul - Apocalypse 4:1-11 A worship scene opens up for us: rich in symbol and mysterious. At the center we hear words we use at every mass; at the end, we confess God, the creator of all there is.

Luke 19:11-28 Luke’s version of this parable —also found in Matthew, with an echo in Mark)—is provocative, even disturbing. It does reflect the instability of the making and unmaking of kings in late first century Palestine. At the same time, Luke wants us to read it as part of his teaching about Jesus, both proclaimer of the Kingdom and King. The frame is a severe warning not to flitter away the time of delay because the King will indeed return at an unexpected time.

Thursday 19 November

Apocalypse 5:1-10 The sealed scroll contains the plan of God for the course of history. Who can open it? The lamb—Jesus—can open it, because of his cross and resurrection.

Luke 19:41-44 Our Gospel today—unique to Luke—looks back historically to what actually happened. Jesus looks back not in anger but in compassion. At the same time, the reason for the destruction is given: *all because you did not recognize your opportunity when God offered it.* This final comment brings the text into our present reality. Cf. *See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!* (2Corinthians 6:2)

Week of Nov. 1st Readings

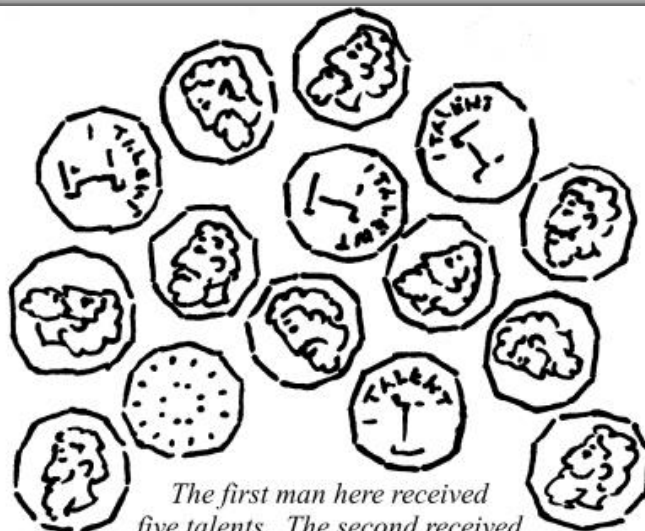
Friday 20 November

Apocalypse 10:8-11 This puzzling scene—an echo of Ezekiel—tell us that the writer had a message both bitter and sweet. Sweet to those on the side of God; bitter to those on “the other side.”
Luke 19:45-48 Luke’s version of the Temple action is much gentler perhaps reflecting Luke’s concern to affirm the Jewish roots of the Christian movement. It is, nevertheless, a judgment and a prophetic call.

Saturday 21 November

Presentation of Mary - Apocalypse 11:4-12 The Apocalypse does not lack obscurity—at least for us today! Who are the “two witnesses”? The imagery of the olive trees and the lampstands suggests channels through which God’s grace becomes effective, offering light. The Old Testament reference is to Zech 4:1-14: Joshua the priest and Zerubbabel the king, here standing for the *priestly* and *royal* roles of Israel. Thus, they symbolize the church, God’s new people, both priestly and kingly.
 The witnesses—church members—will indeed suffer martyrdom, but they are alive in God and their witness is ever effective.
Luke 20:27-40 Our reading today is certainly mysterious. It echoes stories of Elijah and Elisha. The prophets did and will suffer—but God, in whose hands they are, will raise them up.

KIDS CORNER



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

Answer: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third had one.