

St. Mary's Parish

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First Sunday of Advent
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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

Local Parishes—Mass Times

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 or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

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

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. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

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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Perhaps the World Ends Here

The world begins at a kitchen table.
No matter what, we must eat to live.
The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table.
So it has been since creation, and it will go on.
We chase chickens or dogs away from it.
Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it.
It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women.
At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers.
Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children.
They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table.
This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.
Wars have begun and ended at this table.
It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror.
A place to celebrate the terrible victory.
We have given birth on this table and have prepared our parents for burial here.
At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow.
We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks.
Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.

~Joy Harjo (b. 1951)



Freedom from Want by Norman Rockwell



Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Dec. 12, 13, & 17. Jan. 3, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, & 31.

Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Nov. 30 - 7:30 PM ~ †Edward and Anna Kerska
Dec. 01 - 9:15 AM ~ †Allen and Mercedes Christen
Dec. 03 - 6:00 PM ~ Our Parish Family
Dec. 04 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Dec. 06 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Dec. 07 - 4:00 PM ~ †Anna Kerska
Dec. 08 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter

Giving Last Week		Week 47	11/24/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$1090.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$376.00	Received This Week	\$1,466.00
Total	\$1466.00	YTD Needed	\$72,300.00
		YTD Received	\$74,584.35
27 Adult Env		Difference	2,284.35

Annual Appeal 2019-20

As of 11/27/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$7,250.00	\$6,600.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Amt Over Target	<u>(\$4,505.00)</u>	<u>(\$5,155.00)</u>
Percent Pledged: 61.68%, Percent Received: 56.15%		
Number Contributing	23	

Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. We are on our way! There are extra cards and envelopes near the church doors, or you may also donate online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online>, under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated above our goal is returned to our parish untaxed by the Diocese!

Next Week in Service

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

	Sat., Dec. 7 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 8 9:15 AM
Servers:	VOLUNTEERS	Grant and Aliyah McCauley
Reader (s):	Nancy Peters	Carol Roesler
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Humfeld	John Roesler
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Jim Fleming and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	

Parish Announcements

Craft Show is Next Saturday

Dec. 7, 8:00 AM-1:30 PM

Advertising-Please help advertise by distributing the flyer in the community. Extra flyers are on the back table.

Bake Sale during the Craft Show: Each parish family is asked to donate \$15.00 worth of baked goods to the bake sale. Drop off is Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM or Sat morning. If unable to donate baked goods, cash donations accepted. Please make homemade items. Norwegian or Christmas baked goods are especially sought after and sell very well.

Volunteers needed to assist with set up for the Show at the Coon Valley Village Hall. **Confirmation students and older Religious Education students** are highly encouraged to assist. Dec 5th is set up for tables and chairs at 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Dec 6th is set up for vendors, kitchen and bake sale from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Join Us at the *Kriskindlmarkt* (Christmas Market)

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting their annual *Kriskindlmarkt* December 14-15, 2019. **Any parishioners who would like to meet as a group for the brunch on Saturday, December 14 must sign up in the back of church so reservations can be made.** The group will meet at 11:00AM. in the main entrance. The cost of the brunch is \$14.95 and will be paid for at the door. **Please sign up by December 8** or earlier. The tradition of holding Christmas markets during the season of Advent originated in Germany in the mid-16th Century. This year's market will include many handcrafted items, delicious baked goods, German buffet, live nativity, Christmas carolers, a cozy fire, and much more. The market will be open from 10:00AM. -4:00PM. each day.

Christmas Mass Liturgical Ministry Sign Up

If you are an Usher, Reader, Communion Minister or Altar Server and are able to help with Christmas Masses, please sign up in the back of church. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you wish to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, please use the envelopes located at the church entrances/exits. Return the envelope by dropping in the collection basket. Thank you!

Dec. 4, 11, & 18 ~ Prayer Opportunity

Advent is fasting approaching! This Advent our parish will have an extra opportunity of prayer offered through The Liturgy of the Hours; the prayer of the Church meant to welcome God into the various hours of the day. **We will offer Vespers, or Evening Prayer, Wednesday at 6:45 PM on December 4th, 11th, and 18th.** Please consider coming to experience this form of prayer from our Church's tradition. The prayers last about 20 min. Prayer books are provided, but you can look at the prayers online at: <http://www.liturgies.net/Liturgies/Catholic/loh/advent/week1wednesdayep.htm>.

Advent Retreat

Fr. Matt will be offering an Advent retreat at St. Leo's in West Salem Dec 19 - 21. Thurs and Fri at 6:30 PM with Confessions to follow on Friday. Saturday Dec 21st Fr. Kennedy will swap parishes with Fr. Matt who will take the 4 PM Mass at West Salem with concluding retreat presentation to follow.

Calendars and Contribution Envelopes for 2020

Please pick up your 2020 Contributions envelopes from the back of church, if you do not have a box and would like one, please call the Rectory at 608-452-3841. Also available are the 2020 Liturgical Calendars, sponsored by the PCCW.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Dec. 7/8

The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of December 7 -8. Religious in our diocese benefit significantly from this national collection. Please give as you are able.

Accepting Mass Intentions for 2020

Have that special date you want to reserve for a loved one? Please use the Intention Envelopes located at the back of church and the side door to submit your requests for 2020.

CV Lions Tree Lighting Food Pantry Fundraiser

Last year St. Mary's parishioners and the Men's Club contributed a total of \$701.00!!! Our goal is to raise \$1.00 more this year. To contribute use the food pantry collection basket in the back of church. The collection runs the weekend of Nov. 2-3 until the weekend of Dec. 21-22. Please be generous and help us and the Lions' reach our goals. **(The Vernon County Food Pantry is able to purchase \$18 worth of food for every \$1 that is donated!!!)**

Donut Sunday—January 12th to Welcome our New Parish Members from the past year. Please join us downstairs for some fresh donuts and beverages, and get to know your fellow parishioners. All are welcome, including guests!

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

Amazon Smile is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, please choose St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: [amazon.com/smile](https://www.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" or simply **click the link on our parish website: stmarycv.org**

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Upcoming Events/Calendar

Dec. 1		NO Religious Education Classes
Dec. 4	6:45	Vespers /Evening Prayer
Dec. 5-10		Parish office closed. Amy on PTO. Please contact Fr. Matt for administrative items.
Dec. 5	7:00-8:30 PM	Craft Show setup at the Village Hall - <i>Student and Adult volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 6	6:00 to 8:00 PM	Craft Show vendor setup and Baked Goods Drop Off at the Village Hall
Dec. 7	8:00 AM -1:30PM	<i>St. Mary's Annual Craft Show</i> at the CV Village Hall
Dec. 8	During Mass	Children's Mass Sunday
Dec. 8	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Dec. 11	6:45 PM	Vespers /Evening Prayer
Dec. 15	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Dec. 18	6:45 PM	Vespers /Evening Prayer
Dec. 19-21		Retreat at St. Leo's, see parish announcements for details.
Dec. 21	4:00 PM	Welcome Fr. Kennedy
Dec. 22		NO Religious Education Classes—Merry Christmas!
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 24	9:15 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 29		NO Religious Education Classes—Happy New Year!
Dec. 31	6:00 PM *updated	New Year's Eve Mass—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God— Holy Day of Obligation.
Jan. 1	8:00 AM	NO MASS— Happy New Year!
Jan. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12		NO Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12* Updated	After Mass	Coffee and Donut Fellowship—all are welcome to join us downstairs, including new or visiting parishioners
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting



Dec. 23—Confession Opportunity

Confessathon from 9 AM - 6 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse. Fr. Matt will be hearing Confessions from 4 - 6 PM. So will Bishop Callahan!

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.
- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using bill pay. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Upcoming at Franciscan Spirituality Center

www.FSCcenter.org | 608-791-5295

Dec. 7~Advent Morning of Reflection: *Waiting in Hope.* Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Waiting holds spiritual gifts for us. Spend a morning deepening your insights about waiting and what it can teach us. *Investment: \$10*

Dec. 7~Silent Night: *An Advent Singing Bowls Experience.* Saturday, 6-8 p.m. We've partnered with Tom Roberts and Viterbo Campus Ministry for a special evening of Taize-style prayer, Tibetan singing bowls, hymns and choir music at San Damiano Chapel. *Freewill offerings appreciated.*

Dec. 13~Sip and Paint: *Journey of the Wise Men*

Friday, 6-9 p.m. Laurie Swan will guide you step-by-step in the creation of your very own canvas painting of the journey of the Wise Men. All supplies (including stencil) and refreshments included! *Investment: \$40.*

St. Anthony's Spirituality Ctr Retreats/Holiday Celebrations

300 E. Fourth St. Marathon, WI 54448 715.443.2236 | Info@sarcenter.com www.sarcenter.com

Dec. 7~**Christmas Caroling** from 2-5 PM, please contact Dr. Lori at 715-443-2236 ext 114 or Iran-dall@sarcenter.com by November 21st, so that she can provide you with music.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1~**New Years Eve/Day Retreat.** Starts 6 PM New Years Eve with supper and concludes with noon lunch on New Years Day

Jan 3-5 ~January Serenity Retreat. This retreat will focus on the question "How did the 3 legacies of AA come to be?"

Dec. 14~Cookie Walk and Bazaar

Holy Trinity, 1333 South 13th St., La Crosse, from 8 AM to Noon. Cookies, bread and other goodies. Cookies-\$6.50/lb. Jewelry, decorations, crafts and express lunch offered

Dec. 14 ~ MMOC Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, at our Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade breads, pies and candies and many misc. homemade craft items and Scrip gift cards available for sale. Pastries, coffee and apple cider are available from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. and homemade soup and chili from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dollhouse raffle, raffle baskets and hourly door prizes. Demonstrations making krumkake and Rosettes. Let us do your Christmas baking!

Jan. 22-26~Pilgrimage for Life

The Pilgrimage for Life will be January 22-26, 2020. It is for anyone ages 13 and up. More information is coming soon. Please keep checking our website at: <https://diocle.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>