

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:
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4th Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

March 30, 2025

Readings: 513C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

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

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,
Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda
Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris
Carskadon

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend:Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday:Wed - 5:15 PM & Fri - 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

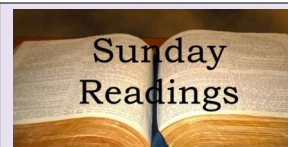
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and
Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to
both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org 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.



March 30, 2025
 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 29

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-8:00am Mass - † Eric Norha
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, April 01

Lenten Weekday

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross
 - approx. 5:45 pm Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, April 03

Lenten Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Fr. Lyle Schulte

SATURDAY, April 05

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Adam Hemmersbach
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, April 06

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-8:00am Mass - † Bernard Humfeld
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Lori Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg



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

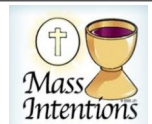
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Mar 29 ~ Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 PM
- Mar 30 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- Apr 1 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross -5:45 PM Mass
- Apr 2 ~ 🎂🕊️ Deacon Tony Shay's Birthday! 🎉🕊️
- Apr 6 ~ Rel Ed after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua ~ 1st Communion Prep in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- Apr 7 ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- Apr 8 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- Apr 8 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross -5:45 PM Mass
- Apr 10 ~ 7:35 AM Rosary, 8 AM Mass followed by Coffee and Fellowship with Bible Study at 9:10 AM
- Apr 11 ~ 🎂🕊️ Fr. Joe's Birthday! 🎉🕊️
- Apr 13 ~ Palm Sun. - Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ 1st Communion Prep in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- Apr 14 ~ Confessions at the Cathedral 9AM-6PM
- Apr 15 ~ Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse - 10:30 AM
- Apr 15 ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- Apr 15 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross -5:45 PM Mass
- Apr 17 ~ Holy Thursday Mass in Viroqua at 5:15 PM
- Apr 18 ~ Good Friday Service in Viroqua 12:10 PM here at 3:00 PM
- Apr 19 ~ Bryan Berg's Celebration of Life at the Coon Valley American Legion Hall 1PM -5PM



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 1, 15 & 29. Jul 6, 13, & 20

Open Weekdays: May 1, 20, & 22. Jun-full. Jul 1, 8, 10, 22, 24, 29 & 31.



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of March 14, 2025

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$54,501.50

THANK YOU!

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 03/14/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$13,055.00	\$9,846.65
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$995.00	\$4,203.35
Percent Pledged: 92.92%, Percent Received: 70.08%		
Number Contributing: 26		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		3/23/2025	
Adult Env(29)	\$1,185.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	226.96	Received This Week	\$6,506.96
Votives	95.00	Running total needed	\$24,000.00
SAFS shared	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	YTD Received	\$25,760.96
Total	<u>\$6,506.96</u>	Difference	1,760.96
Food Pantry	\$199.50		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I'd like to talk to you about chisels. First, some context – I've been building up my woodshop for about nine or ten years, ever since getting going in woodworking back in seminary. Back then, I used the well-outfitted cast-iron-filled student woodshop at the seminary, supplementing main fixtures with this or that tool as a need came up. Toward the end of seminary, I raided a cabinet maker's retirement sale for some basics – a router table, a miter saw, some gorgeous 8/4 cherry – all in the hopes of one day having a space just like I have now. With the helpful going-away gift of some ash from a lumber supplier in Wausau, one of my first woodshop projects here was a big old workbench to host most of my work.

These last few years, I've been arranging and rearranging my shop down in the rectory basement to suit my needs, and last week I took delivery of a new table saw with a few more safety features and steadier tracking to keep my fingers firmly attached. And yet for all of these bigger-ticket save-up-for-a-while implements and tools, my favorite piece of shop equipment is a simple set of chisels. Chisels are at once delightful, terrifying, and a point of pride. They're delightful in the precision and nuance they offer – the shaping of a workpiece, tight edgework, and careful finishing of a joint to bring two pieces together. Chisels are terrifying in how efficiently they can run a long split through a troubled-over piece of wood. They're a point of pride in how they're maintained, the edge they keep, even in their storage. They're also one of those tools that need careful TLC to keep an edge – it's just as important to take the time to hone and sharpen their edges as it is to use them with practice and skill to give a clean cut and even to avoid a workday-ending injury.

Over the last few months, I've been working away at the crucifix for Viroqua's current sanctuary renovation. In some ways this whole fixture is the prime motivation behind what we're doing, restoring and returning this powerful reminder of the vehicle for our salvation and what we celebrate in every Mass – thank the Good Lord that we still have the original from our construction 60-something years ago. I started off sanding down the original corpus and smoothing out a few hard lines, and it's now soaking up a last bit of finish. The original cross is too weather worn for restoration, but thanks to that same lumber supplier I got my hands on some beautiful black walnut boards for a new one. These boards have been the ready recipients of the blows, scrapings, and cuttings of that very same set of chisels, and through this process that simple reminder to take the time to hone and sharpen has been coming up over and over. I tend toward the "I'll take care of myself after this or that job" camp, and these chisels are telling me powerfully how important it is to stay rooted, to return to the Lord and keep the tools in shape.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Supper - Mar 30

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on **March 30, from 4-7 PM** in the church basement. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Help spread the word by posting a flyer from the back of church at your work or in the community or share our event of Facebook!



Celebrate the Life of Bryan Berg

Join the Berg Family in celebrating the life and legacy of Bryan J. Berg, a truly remarkable individual who touched so many lives.

Date: Saturday, April 19th, 2025

Location: Coon Valley American Legion Hall

Time: 1PM -5PM.

Parish Family,

If you are interested in participating in a parish-wide (non-monetary) birthday gift for Father Joe in April, please get into contact with Carly Zadow, either after Sunday Masses, or at 608-792-4872 / zadow2021@gmail.com.



Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Concluded - Mar 23



Please drop your bottles or envelope in the collection this weekend. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

Easter Flower Donations

Please use the envelope included in your booklet. Additional envelopes are at the back of the church and near the side door. Thank you for your support.

Grief Share - ***DATES AND TIMES UPDATED***

Grief is a journey. It can often feel like you're walking alone in the dark or caught forever standing in a fog. No matter how long it has been since losing a loved one, grief can greatly affect your life, (spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, mentally, financially, etc.). Grief Share is a 13-week support program, being hosted jointly by the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Mary's Parishes. Please join us for Grief Share, where you can find comfort, strength, and hope! All are welcome.

*****When: Tuesday, April 8th thru July 1st, from 5-7pm*****

Where: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church 400 Congress Ave. Viroqua, WI 54665

Facilitators: Janet Olmstead, GC-C Deacon Anthony Shay, Ed. D, LPC, CRC

Registration Fee: \$20.00

To Register (or if you have questions), contact the Viroqua church office at 608-637-7711, email stmaryparish@mwt.net, or go to the website at www.griefshare.org

Tuesdays during Lent

Adoration 4:30 PM -

Stations 5:15 PM

Followed by Mass



Stations of the Cross

Parish Announcements continued

Save the Date - April 26, 2025 - PCCW Spring Luncheon**

Lenten Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services **and Student Mite Boxes** for Missionary Childhood Association are available in the back of the church. They will be collected during Holy Week.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday (in Viroqua only): 5:15 PM
Adoration in the chapel after service until midnight

Good Friday: 12:10 PM in Viroqua
3:00 PM here

Holy Saturday (in Viroqua only): 8:15 PM

Easter Sunday: **8:00 AM here**
10:30 AM in Viroqua

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Looking for a Lenten Fish Dinner

Check out this website: diolc.org/fishfrynder/

Fish Fry at St. Charles, Genoa – Apr 4

Come enjoy a delicious Fish Fry at St. Charles School, 707 Eagle Street, Genoa, WI on March 7, March 21, and April 4th! Eat in or get it to go. Serving from 5 pm - 7 pm or gone, in the cafeteria. Dinner includes: 3 pieces of cod fish, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a bun for \$15. Drinks and desserts sold separately. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!

Moring of Reflection - Apr 5

Let's Put some W.I.N.E. in our Lenten Celebration

The La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women and Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring Kelly Ahlquist (founder of Women in the New Evangelization-WINE) a dynamic and inspiring speaker whose gift of weaving personal stories and scripture together with practical advice. Kelly travels the country speaking to all on various topics that inspire us to live the New Evangelization. The morning starts with Mass at 8 AM followed by breakfast and the talk starting at 9 AM. All are welcome to attend, please call (or text) and let them know you will be attending: Kay Kesler 608-780-0485 or email her: kay@pmcmgmt.com

Passion Sunday Concert - April 6

At the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on April 6th, Passiontide Concert: Via crucis (1879) by Franz Liszt, for soloists, choir and organ at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All fourteen Stations of the Way of the Cross are paired with music of Fauré and Bruckner. Andrew McDonald, conductor; Scott Turkington, organist, with baritone soloist Alan Dunbar. More information at GuadalupeShrine.org/Events

CV Luth Church Men's Club Fish Fry Fundraiser - Apr 9

Wednesday April 9th from 4:00-6:30pm the Men's Club will be holding a fish fry! The menu includes: 2 pieces of cod, broiled or batter fried, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert. **Tickets will be presale only, they will not accept walk ins. Presale tickets end on March 30.** The cost of a ticket is \$12.00. Tickets will be sold before and after worship services or by contacting Jamie in the office 608-452-3772 or Mike Lusk at: 608-452-3472 All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS at the Cathedral - Apr 14

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral on Monday, April 14th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

15th Annual Meatball and Lefse Supper - Apr 26

Lower CV Lutheran Church is hosting their annual supper on Saturday, April 26 from 4-7:30 PM. Cost is \$15, Kids 6-12 \$10 and 5 and under free. Menu: Meatballs and gravy, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans, various desserts, coffee and mild. Carry outs available. Pick up some extra goodies from the bake sale. For info contact Teresa at 608-483-2612

See this Inspiring Documentary on Chalice of Mercy, and Help Ukraine:

"8 Days in Ukraine," a superb 26-minute documentary on the work of Chalice of Mercy, filmed onsite in Ukraine, can be seen at diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy. While there has been talk of starting peace negotiations, Russian aggression has intensified. Valentyna Pavsyukova and her team risk their lives daily to provide life-saving medical and humanitarian supplies to the most dangerous areas of their decimated homeland. Please support them with your prayers and financial contributions. Visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy

Neighbors Day 2025 - Apr 26

We're excited to announce that Neighbors Day 2025 is just around the corner and we're inviting you to join us on **Saturday April 26**. Boost team morale and foster a sense of pride in your organization by volunteering: Neighbors Day is a family friendly, active, outdoor event that brings people together for a common good. **When?** Saturday, April 26 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. **Where?** The Nature Place at Myrick Park (789 Myrick Park Drive, La Crosse). A light breakfast and lunch will be served. All tools will be provided. Visit: <https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/what-we-do/neighborhood-revitalization/neighbors-day/> to register for assistance or volunteer.

The Activity Corner will be as an insert in the printed version of the bulletin during Lent, for the young and the *young at heart!*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- The sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Syria whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net



SPAGHETTI & PASTA DINNER

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COON VALLEY WI

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

from 4 pm – 7 pm

\$12 adults \$5 kids under 12

Children under 3 free

Plate of spaghetti or pasta (gluten free rotini available) with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk, or water. Ice cream for dessert.

Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Carry-outs will be available.