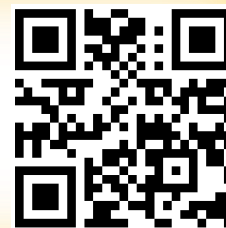




St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



May 31, 2026 | The Most Holy Trinity | Reading 572A

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

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Mailing Address

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

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

Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

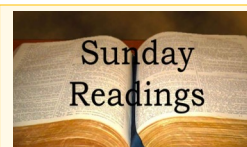
Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



May 31, 2026
 1) Exodus 34:4-6
 2) 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 3) John 3:16-18

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, May 30

The Most Holy Trinity

-4:00 PM Mass - † John Ritter
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, May 31

The Most Holy Trinity

-8:00 AM Mass - † Laura Adams
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, June 2

S.S. Marcellinus and Peter

- Adoration 4:30 PM
 - 5:15 PM Communion Service - † Ursula Werner

THURSDAY, June 4

Weekday

- 7:45 AM Rosary
 - 8:00 AM Scripture Reflection - † Jim Callan

SATURDAY, June 6

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

-4:00 PM Mass - † Cheryl Roesler
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, June 7

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

-8:00 AM Mass - † Kyle Von Ruden
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mark Boland and Mike Kammel



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of May 15, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
 Payments received: \$77,313.50 (73.63%)
THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 5/29/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,625.00	\$16,446.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
Over Target	\$4,060.00	\$1,811.69
Percent Pledged: 127.88% , Percent Received: 113%		
Number Contributing: 26 (active)		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		
THANK YOU!		
WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL WITH PAYMENTS!		

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 25-Jun 5** ~ Fr. Joe in Lincoln, NE for FOCUS
- **May 30/31** ~ Welcome Fr. John Parr
- **May 31** ~ May end of the year celebration for First Communicants, Confirmation Student and Graduate— Parish Social after 8 AM Mass sponsored by all the PCCW Guilds
- **Jun 1** ~ Men's Club Summer Picnic Planning Meeting at 6 PM in the church basement
- **Jun 2** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM ~ Communion Service 5:15 PM
- **Jun 4** ~ 7:45 AM Rosary and 8 AM Scripture reflection
- **Jun 9** ~ **Sharon (LeJeune) Tarpene and John Ritter** Funeral at 11AM followed by burial in our cemetery
- **Jun 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Jun 21** ~ Father's Day and first day of summer
- **Jun 25-27** ~ Priest Unity Days



Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jul 4, 12, 19, and 26.
 Aug 1or2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22or23 and 30.

Open Weekdays: Jul 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, & 30.
 Aug 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, and 25



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. 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.

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.



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,417.00	Received as of week 3
(\$3,583.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		5/24/2026	
Adult Env	\$1075.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	452.25	Received This Week	\$1,540.25
Votives	13.00	Total needed	\$42,000.00
Total	\$1,540.25	YTD Received	\$42,444.18
Food Panty	\$50.00	Difference	444.18
Mem Day/Cem	\$120.00		

From the Pastor and our summer Seminarian

Hello friends,

This weekend I want to give Levi Spaeth a minute to introduce himself. I know a number of you have already connected with him for lunch, introduction, having him over, etc – thank you for so speedily making these connections! I mentioned a few weeks ago that my six months up at our parish in Ellsworth in the middle of my own seminary formation marked a personal transition in my own discernment from “I’m seriously considering the priesthood” to “all things being equal, full speed ahead.” The biggest part of my time up in Ellsworth was connecting with the parishioners – that is, getting to know the people I would be serving if I went through with ordination. Anyway, all that’s just to say thank you and keep up the good work, helping and letting Levi get to know the people of our diocese.

Before I hand Levi the microphone, I have one shout-out – Pope Leo’s new encyclical letter, Magnifica Humanitas, came out just this last week. As I read it, I disagree with the common headline “Pope Leo’s First Encyclical on AI.” Rather, keeping with the past century and a half’s potent developments on the Church’s social teaching, Pope Leo is using a current and pivotal social/technological reality to help us again remember the dignity, goodness, and destination of each human person. The focus is on the person, not on the technology – could be an interesting read for you.

God bless you, and I give the floor to Levi,

Fr. Joe

Hello parishioners!

It has been such a blessing to start my summer with you all! Praise God! Thank you to all who have introduced themselves to me so far. You have given me such a warm welcome and have shown me great hospitality which I am deeply grateful for. I am excited to spend this summer with Fr. Joe and you all.

Feel free to ask me questions, but I will share a little about myself here in this bulletin. I grew up in Sparta where I attended St. Pat’s school and parish from kindergarten through 8th grade. I went to Sparta High School then moved up to UW-Stevens Point where I studied Paper Science and Chemical Engineering. Right after college I started as a process engineer at the paper mill in Tomahawk. I spent seven years in Tomahawk before I entered seminary. I have finished two years of seminary formation now. My first year was in La Crosse for what was called the “Journey Program”, and I was in Milwaukee at St. Francis de Sales Seminary this last year. I have five more years, God willing, before priestly ordination. Please pray for me and the other seminarians on this journey!

I grew up out in the country, so I still enjoy doing just about anything outside including hunting, fishing, biking, kayaking, and many other activities. I am passionate about sports and fitness as well as good stories, so I rest with good books and movies. My family and I play all sorts of card, dice, and board games like euchre, cribbage, and piffle just to name a few. I have a deep love of learning which means I love hearing about other people’s passions. My patron is St. Sebastian, and my closest saint friend is Maria Goretti.

Blessings, Levi

Parish Announcements

End-of-Year Religious Education Celebration & High School Graduate Recognition—THIS SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our parish students at our End-of-the-Year Student Celebration following Mass on Sunday, May 31!

We would like to take this time to recognize all our students, especially our First Communicants, our Confirmation students and our High School Graduate, as well as pay tribute to our Family of Faith leader, Bridget Goodwin for her outstanding work.



Our High School Graduate:
Jacqueline Steiger
(Daughter of Tony and Sara)

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and celebrate with our students and their families as we honor these important milestones in their faith journey.

Parish Announcements continued

Have you heard of: "Netflix for Catholics"?

OUR GIFT TO YOU!

Often described as "Catholic Faith on Demand," FORMED provides 24/7 access to movies, eBooks, audio talks, and study programs.

Through a generous Bishops Education Endowment Trust - (BEET) Grant from the Diocese and the Men’s Club, we purchased a years subscription for all our parishioners.

Look for signup information and instructions coming soon!



Parish Announcements *continued*

Uganda Mission

From **July 21-August 6** Mike and Clarice Kammel will be traveling with a group to Uganda. They will be spending time at Our Lady of Guadalupe School with Sr. Salome. There they will assemble and distribute essential food bags, visit the city where St. Francis helped provide a well for clean water, and work at a coffee plantation. There is also a wish list of items they could use in Uganda. If you have any questions please contact Clarice Kammel.

Copies of the wish list is located in the back of the church if you would like to donate. All donations can be placed in the designated boxes in the back of the church or given to those traveling on these mission trips.

UPDATE - "Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life."

Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in "Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life." This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them. August 9th will be at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse starting at 1 PM.

Couples need to register using the QR code to the right, calling Laura Boden at 608.791.2680 or emailing her at lboden@diolc.org.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

A Catholic Word to Understand Better: Conversion

Conversion involves a response to God's call to turn from something, joined with His beckoning to turn to the Person of Jesus Christ. It is helpful to know that "conversion is first of all a work of God's grace" (CCC 1432). God will always help us with His grace in turning to Him and seeking to know Him better, even though we may not recognize it initially. Conversion is a life-long process.

Job Opportunities at Aquinas Catholic Schools

Positions are available at Aquinas Catholic Schools: teachers in elementary, middle and high school, food service staff, after school care and coaching. For more information on how to apply please visit: aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment

Catholic Charities 2026 Back2School Program

Even though the school year is winding down, we're already gearing up for our Back2School Program—and we couldn't be more excited! Thanks to your incredible support last year, we were able to help over 1,000 students head back to school with the supplies they needed to succeed. **If your children need backpacks and supplies for the 2026-2027 school year, we encourage you to fill out our registration form as soon as possible at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4ws6v9xb>** This is a supplemental program so we will do our best to make sure basic needs are met.

We are currently collecting: Backpacks, School supplies, and Monetary donations to purchase additional needed items

Donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/2m2p225j>

Learn more: <https://cclse.org/back-to-school-program/>

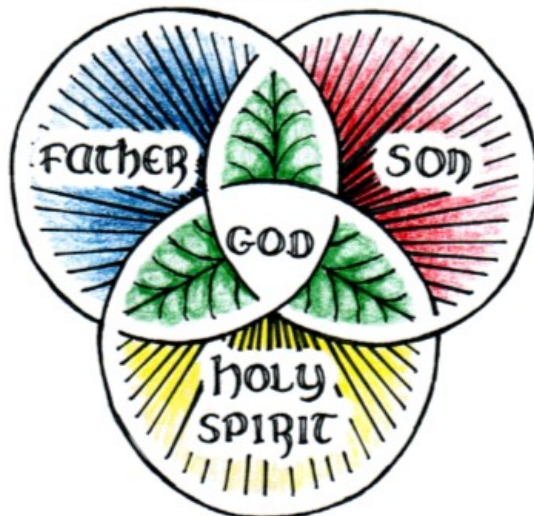
Diocesan/Local Announcement *continued*

Choir Camps for Students at the Shrine

Youth Choir Camp, June 22-26. High School Choir Camp July 13-17. Visit: <https://guadalupe Shrine.org/events/>

Activity Corner

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity May 31st, 2026



What does the word "Trinity" say about God?
Use the code to find out!



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

Sacrament of Baptism: Please use the registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments. Then mail or email it to stmaryscv@mwt.net and jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date.

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.



250th Anniversary!

Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In a historic moment, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our nation. The consecration will take place on **June 11th, 2026**. Catholics are invited to join in this consecration, which may be in conjunction with their parish.

It may be helpful to identify what a *consecration* is in the life of the Church. A *consecration* is a blessing that has the authorization of the Church and is conferred on persons, places and things. It sets apart for special service to the Church who and what are being consecrated. In this case, the prayer from the U.S. bishops will consecrate each of us who participate as Catholic citizens of this country, and our nation, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

You are encouraged to begin on **June 3rd** to pray the *Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* as a nine-day novena, found on the back of this page. This preparation for nine days will foster a disposition of heart-felt conviction as you join with the U.S. Bishops as they consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **June 11th**.

Why Consecrate Ourselves and Our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

In his reflection on the *Consecration* to the Sacred Heart, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of the

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon wrote the following: "Pope Pius XI... commended the 'pious custom' of consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a way to recognize the kingship of Christ. By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to 'infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life.'

"As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. We celebrate the ways the Church has contributed to a more just world, and we invite all in our society to see the face of Christ reflected in each sister and brother. We welcome God's 'kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity,' remembering that 'God has a special place in His Heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and He asks us, His Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest.' This anniversary and consecration will be a great opportunity to promote the

beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and to encourage the laity to offer their lives in service to God and their country."

Through this *Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, we invite Christ to reign in our hearts, in every aspect of our being. The *Consecration* also signifies the command of Christ to help others to encounter and know and love Our Savior. Therefore, let us be filled with zeal and energy to seek an ever-deeper relationship with Jesus, to be His witnesses in our communities.

As an offering of thanksgiving, we are invited to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12th by attending Mass. Let us worship the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the physical symbol of His boundless, divine love, mercy and compassion for each one of us. Based upon revelations to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, the devotion repairs injustices against love, offering a way to return love to God, fosters intimate union with Him while receiving spiritual blessings.

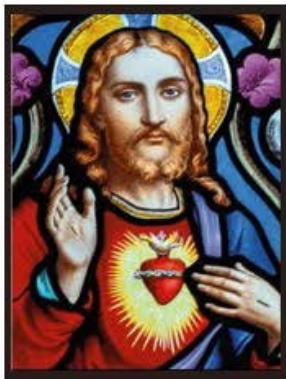
Further Resources

The U.S. bishops have a website, entitled "We Hold These Truths" for this historic occasion. Visit uscgb.org/weholdthesetruths for resources. On **June 11th**, the Mass of *Consecration* with the bishops will be live streamed at **3 pm** at this link: www.youtube.com/uscgb

By Ann Lankford, Office for Catechesis

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You.

From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with love for all people to return to a right relationship with You.

We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—Livestream:

From the USCCB: In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11. The special Mass of consecration, will be livestreamed on the [USCCB's YouTube](#) channel. The bishops' livestream event is intended to be a catalyst to encourage parishes and individuals to participate in the America 250 commemoration by contributing to 250 Hours of Adoration and/or 250 Works of Mercy.

The livestream of the public portions of the plenary on June 10 and 11, and the bishops' Mass consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus [will be available here](#). Those wishing to follow the meeting on social media may use the hashtag #USCCB26 and follow on Instagram ([@USCCB](#)), Facebook ([@USCCB](#)), TikTok ([@USBishops](#)), Threads ([@USCCB](#)), Bluesky ([@uscceb.official.bsky.social](#)) and X ([@USCCB](#)).