PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time
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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
Sunday……..……7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafslien, Admin. Assist…....608-452-3841
Bulletin deadline: ……..… Wednesday noon
E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net
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
Sunday ……10:30 AM
Weekday: Wednesdays - 5:15 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: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

April 30, 2023

Readings: 559A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
Fifth Sunday of Easter

1) Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 2) 1 Peter 2:4-9; 3) John 14:1-12

Intentions

May 06 ~ 4:00 PM - † Linda Jeffers
May 07 ~ 8:00 AM - † Ed Gorman
May 09 ~ 5:15 PM - † Jerome Schmidt
May 11 ~ 8:00 AM - † Norbert Seichter
May 13 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
May 14 ~ 8:00 AM - † Arlene and Norbert Seichter

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 17. Jul 2, 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20. Sep 17.
Weekdays open: Jun 6 & 22. Aug 1, 29, & 31. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

Next Week in Service — May 13/14

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

Readers:	**Sat.** – Nancy Peters	**Sun.** – Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	**Sat. – Volunteers**	**Sun. – Volunteers**
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	

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 parking lot.

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

- **May 8** ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- **May 9** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- **May 11** ~ Catechism Study Group after 8 AM Mass
- **May13/14** ~ Mother's Day weekend Rose Sale
- **May 15** ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- **May 21** ~ HS Graduate Blessing and First Communion during Mass, Religious Education end of year celebration after Mass.
- **May 27-Jun 7** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, trip to the Holy Land, no daily Mass
- **May 29** ~ Memorial Day

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

Catechism Study Group

The **next meeting will be May 11,** with the following dates being May 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel.

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.
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (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).

Directory photos planned for September 2023

If you are interested in helping with this project message the parish office or contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198.

Giving Last Week		Week 17	4/30/2023
Adult Env(31)	$1,200.00	Needed Weekly	$2,000.00
Offertory	$92.00	Received This Week	$1,342.00
Easter Env(2)	$50.00	Running total needed	$36,000.00
Total	**$1,342.00**	YTD Received	$32,842.15
Food Pantry	$25.00	Difference	(3,157.85)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

There's been a bit going on lately and there's a bit coming up, so let me get some business and updates in writing. First, past stuff.

- Thank you to everyone who came to our capital campaign info sessions last weekend. Over the next month I'll be continuing one-on-one visits, but in the meantime if you want any more information about what we've got going on get in touch and I'll fill you in. The gist of last week's receptions is that the until we meet our $105,000 goal, the campaign returns 65% of what we raise to us. Our return is covering, among other things, the cost of our recent work on the church gutters, sidewalks, and garage roof, purchasing liturgical goods and doing some electrical work in the church, and (as funds allow) renovation work on the rectory.
- We've had some sacraments happening lately, with Ali Fortun confirmed last Thursday and Emersen LeJeune receiving First Communion two weeks ago – congratulate them when you see them! Dylan Wiedemann will be receiving First Communion in just a few weeks here too, which brings us to:

Future stuff.

- On May 21 we'll have a few extra movements with our 8:00 Mass. First, this will be the Mass where Dylan receives his First Communion. We'll also have a blessing for graduates at that Mass and a little RE end-of-the-year gathering after Mass to celebrate this year's families.
- I'll be out of town again from May 26-June 7 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I've mentioned my time with FOCUS – this pilgrimage is with FOCUS student and missionary alumni, and part of my intention is to scout out what it would look like to lead parish pilgrimages there or elsewhere at some point (that's non-legally binding foreshadowing).
- Things are coming together for us to have a seminarian (John) staying with us for the summer, which is awesome. I was on the fence about whether to have him stay in Coon Valley or Viroqua, and I decided to have him stay with me on top of the hill – the chief formation goal here is for him to see what a parish priest's life looks like, and living with my grumpy self on good days and bad will serve that most directly. That being said, I would not be disappointed if I never see him at the rectory at dinner time. To put that more directly, I'd be a big fan of you inviting him over for dinner, to ballgames, fishing, bonfires, etc. If the first goal for John's time in a parish is to witness the life of a parish priest, the very-close-second goal is for him to get to know the people of the diocese he may one day be serving. That will be done best by you drawing him into your lives. We'll talk more.

Alright, that'll do for this week. God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

May Rosary Month
We will be reciting the rosary before the weekend masses in May. If you are interested in helping with this, please call or text Karen Callan 608 397-3490. Thanks! Be at the church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate.

Mother's Day Weekend Rose Sale
The PCCW will hold it's annual Rose Sale after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. The beauty and delicacy of the rose reminds us of the dignity of each human life. Please consider purchasing a rose for the special woman in your life or in memory of that special person**.**

PCCW Spring Luncheon
The PCCW annual spring luncheon on April 29 was another success. A BIG thank you goes out to all the ladies who provided salads & bars as well as the ladies who worked at the luncheon. We served 65 this year. Leftover salads were then offered after both masses and donations brought in another $101. A final recap will be announced once all the bills are paid. **If you haven't taken your food container, please stop down in the kitchen and pick it up.**

The guest speaker, ***Lisa Olson***, was also well received. She described how she came up with the ideas of the nine books she currently has published as well as the process she went through to get started. If anyone is interested in purchasing her books you can find them online by visiting: lisagammonolson.com

HS Graduates Blessing and First Communion followed by End of Year Religious Education Celebration
May 21, 2023

We will be having our annual blessing of our graduates during Mass on Sunday, May 21st. Please pray for **Brittney Mislivecek and Garratt Vatland** as we celebrate and recognize this significant achievement. This very same day we have the First Communion of **Dylan Wiedemann,** please pray for him as he comes to the table of the Lord for the first time.

After the Mass everyone is welcome to join us in the basement to celebrate all our students, especially our graduates, first communicants (including **Emersen LeJeune** at Sacred Heart) and confirmand, **Alison Fortun** (confirmed May 4th in Richland Center).

Parish Announcements continued

Inspired by the Spirit
Campaign

We prayerfully ask you to consider your pledge/contribution to the *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign which includes this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Chicken-Que - May 11
Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is $12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Door of Hope Spring Luncheon - May 17
At the Living Waters Bible Camp on Wed., May 17 at 11:30 AM. Please join us for lunch and hear about what is happening at Door of Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Center. We are excited to share our updates. Please **RSVP by May 14h** to: DOOR.OF.HOPE@OUTLOOK.COM or call Dennis at 606-606-0603.

Chicken-Que – May 22
Tickets are now on sale for this spring's St. Patrick Parish of Onalaska Chicken-Que to be held Monday, May 22. Serving from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm or sold out. Meal Includes half of Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Roll. Pre-Sale tickets: $13, Day of Que tickets: $15. Meal Catered by Rooster Andy's. Tickets are available at the Church and School offices during the week. Group or Business Lunch Orders Delivered: Call Mike Carney at 608-385-8380 or email at carney8mc@gmail.com.

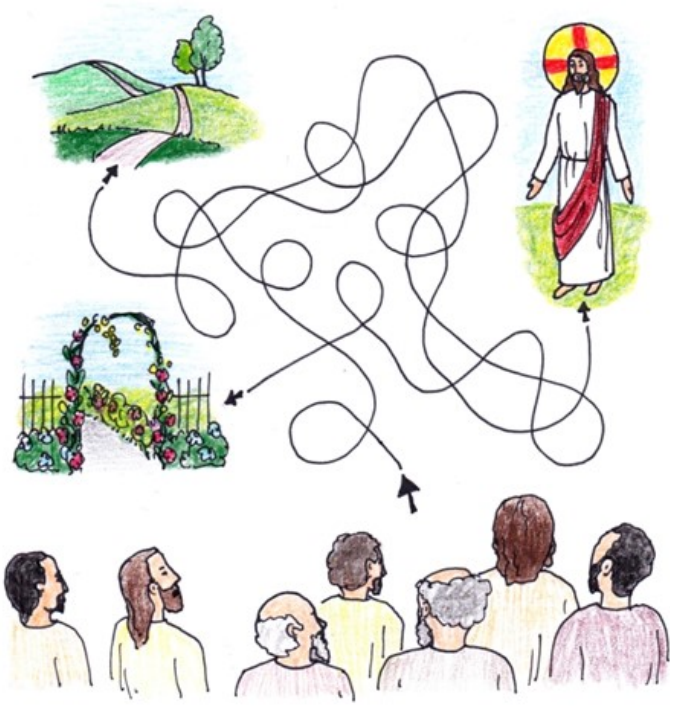
Sacred Music Concert - May 28
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, is presenting a concert of Sacred Music, May 28th, in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The concert will be representative of multiple periods of music, various instruments, and vocal talent. Learn more and stay up to date with events at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

5 Day Youth Choir Camp - Jun 19-23
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18) June 19-23, 2023, 9:15am - Noon . Many elements of music will be studied each day, with emphases on singing, tuning and intonation, rounds, Gregorian chant, hymns, chanting of Psalms, games and of course fun! The entire group will come together twice each day, singing things they've learned, and will also sing for the 12:15pm Mass in the Shrine Church each of the five days.
Register online at www.guadalupeshrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org

Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp!
Family camp dates for summer 2023 are June 9th-11th and July 21-23! To come to family camp, you simply must be a family interested in deepening your family's faith, together, in the great outdoors! For more information, visit www.crosswoods.camp/

Activity Corner

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven. Do you know which is the way? Follow the squiggly line to find out!

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE
Follow the QR code or visit:
https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting/

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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.
- 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.

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