

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2025

Readings: 586C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

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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

PARISH OFFICE

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

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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.

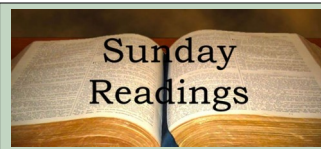
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the
parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the
Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our
website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 26, 2025
 1) Nehemiah 8:2-4
 2) 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 3) Luke 1:1-4

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - For Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Jim Callan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - Rose Roningen

THURSDAY, January 30

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

SATURDAY, February 01

The Presentation of the Lord

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - For those fighting cancer, esp. Pam S
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, February 02

The Presentation of the Lord

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

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

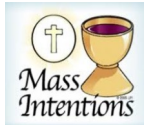
- **Feb 1/2** ~ Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection
- **Feb 2** ~ Rel. Ed. after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Feb 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Cecilia Guild
- **Feb 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 22/23** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Mar 2** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Mar 5** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Rose Guild
- **Mar 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Mar 15, 23 & 30.
 Apr 5, 12, & 26. May 10, 17, & 25

Open Weekdays: Feb 18, 25, & 27. All Mar open except 20.



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.

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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of January 03, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$53,451.50



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,160.00	Received as of week 3
(\$2,840.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 01/17/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,375.00	\$6,774.99
Target Amount	\$14,050.00	\$14,050.00
Under Target	\$3,675.00	\$7,275.01
Percent Pledged: 73.84%, Percent Received: 48.22%		
Number Contributing: 24		
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		1/19/2025	
Adult Env(30)	\$1200.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	145.00	Received This Week	\$1,345.00
Total	\$1,345.00	Running total needed	\$6,000.00
		YTD Received	\$5,160.00
		Difference	(840.00)



From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Last weekend I ended up preaching on something entirely other than I had planned, and I am very okay with that. The reading we didn't touch on (the second, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians) is important for a few reasons – first, because it starts off the next several weeks of 1 Corinthians in the second readings, and second, because it addresses some issues important both to the early Christian community in Corinth and (because this is how the Holy Spirit works) our own community a few thousand years later.

For some context, the church in Corinth was kind of a big deal. Paul planted this church on his second missionary voyage fifteen years after Jesus' resurrection, and they took the Gospel to heart – when you looked at the Corinthian church, you'd probably think to yourself “now that's a church.” They were responding to the Holy Spirit, they were exercising very real spiritual gifts, and they were growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. At the same time, they experienced very real growing pains: confusion about sound doctrine and spirituality, backbiting, and some manifest hypocrisy – in a word, they were causing and experiencing what is now often referred to as “church-related trauma.” Paul's letter (and a follow-up visit) was directed at these issues to deliver a “don't get ahead of yourselves” to a growing community.

Last weekend, and continued with this Sunday's reading, Paul is establishing an important fact about Christian community: the Holy Spirit gives to each disciple different spiritual gifts – to some He gives gifts of wisdom, others knowledge, others faith, others gifts of healing or mighty deeds or prophecy or discernment of spirits or the speaking of and interpretation of tongues. An important note – every spiritual gift is lived out perfectly only in Jesus Christ. However, part of being the body of Christ on Earth is that He lives out these gifts in us individually for the building up of the whole community. You need the community if you are going to live a complete Christian life, and the whole community needs the particular gifts the Lord wants to work through you.

Anyhow, back to the Corinthians. These folks were explicitly exercising these gifts in their day-to-day life, but there remained a heart-shaped disintegration under the surface. There's a reason Paul puts the speaking and interpretation of tongues last – because the Corinthians were the most enamored with them. In a sense they were so focused on external manifestations of the Holy Spirit that they were blind to the deeper work He was trying to do through these gifts. They needed the love that only comes from the Lord. I rejoice to see the Holy Spirit planting seeds, nurturing, and pruning in our churches, and I ask you with me to make an earnest invitation to Him: “Come Holy Spirit. Pour out your gifts in my life and help me to communicate them with love in the lives of my brothers and sisters.”

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

2024 Contribution Statements

Statements are now available for pick up in the back of the church. Please make an effort to collect your statement to save on the mailing expense. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary Parish.

CCHD Special Collection Feb 1/2

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was founded in 1969 by the bishops of the United States as a Catholic antipoverty initiative. For more than 50 years, CCHD has addressed the problem of poverty by attacking its root causes. CCHD funds projects that promote self-reliance as a means to end poverty. Please prayerfully consider contributing to next weekends special collection.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (Feb 2):

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved. *For more information:* [NRVC](#)

Thank You - World Mission Sunday Follow-up

A heart-felt than you from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to St. Mary Parish of Coon Valley for your generous response to Pope Francis' call to “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” gives witness to your commitment to Christ. We will forward your contributions to our national office.

A Minute with Jesus

Why does Jesus want to live in your heart?

God has created each person absolutely unique - there is only one of you. Jesus knows you and loves you, and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His Heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be “wasted.” And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' Heart.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and I want to give You all of my love.
- This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace the “the world” with your own name.

Catholic Schoolhouse

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently seeking interested families for the 2025/2026 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. For additional information, please contact Jamie Thompson at lacrosseatholicschoolhouse@gmail.com.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Welcome a Lifelong Friend - Open Your Home to a Foreign Exchange Student

If interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, please call Debra at 1-800-888-9040, visit www.world-heritage.org or send an email to info@world-heritage.org to request more information or start the application process. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today. The memories and the relationship you create with your exchange student will stay with you forever.

Contact: Debra Garbon, World Heritage Program Director, at 1-800-888-9040 or send an email to info@world-heritage.org

Help those suffering from the wildfires in California

As fast-moving wildfires continue to engulf neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) has launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign. All funds raised will assist those displaced or suffering because of the fires. To donate, visit ccusa.online/fires, scan the QR code to the right or text "FIRES" to 20406.



Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking, or scanning the QR code to the right.



Calix-A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group

Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, which are strongly recommended, but it provides a Catholic perspective for these 12-step programs. "Calix" is Latin for "chalice," and it was founded in Minneapolis, MN in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in more information about a Calix group forming in the Diocese of La Crosse, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com.

Save the Date! Men of the Cross: Forgiveness and Freedom

Will be held March 8, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. We are excited to have Bob Kroll as our keynote speaker and Mass with Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!

Casa Hogar Volunteers Needed

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, our orphanage in Lurin, Peru, is looking for volunteers to work with the families, visitors, and, best of all, the children at the orphanage. If you are interested, please go to www.homeajpm.org/volunteer

*...that you may realize
the certainty of the
teachings... Luke 1:4*



Activity Corner

'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND



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SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

1 Corinthians 12:27 WEB

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Never doubt the power of prayer.

- 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