



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter | Reading 553A

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PASTOR

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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



Luke 24:13-35

Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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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
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Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

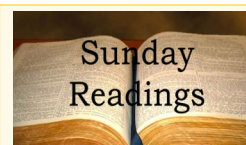
Fr. Joe also serving:

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



April 19, 2026
 1) Acts of the Apostles 2:14
 2) 1 Peter 1:17-21
 3) Luke 24:13-35

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter
 -4:00 pm Mass - † Sharon (LeJeune) Tarpenting
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter
 -8:00 am Mass - George Fleming and Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer
 Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, April 21

St. Anselm
 - 4:30-5:00 pm Adoration
 - 5:15 pm Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, April 23

St. George and St. Adalbert
 - 8:00 am Mass - For the Priest

SATURDAY, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 -4:00 pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 -8:00 am Mass - † Mary Louise Starch
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin
 Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of April 1, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$74,973.50
THANK YOU!

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

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Apr 18/19** ~ Special collection for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
- **Apr 19** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass, End of Year Party and Journey Board Presentation
 ~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Cecilia Guild
 ~ 1st Communion make up class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Apr 21** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **Apr 22-28** ~ Amy on PTO, parish office is closed.
- **Apr 22** ~ Reconciliation 6-7 PM in Viroqua for 1st Communicants.
- **Apr 25** ~ 1st Communicants Retreat 10AM-3PM at the Leum Residence.
 ~ **PCCW Spring Luncheon** 11 AM-1PM
- **Apr 26** ~ **1st Communion** during 8 AM Mass
- **Apr 28** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **Apr 30** ~ **Confirmation** in Viroqua with Bishop Battersby at 6:30 PM
- **May 3** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) Guest Speaker in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass and Journey Board Presentation
- **May 5** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 9/10** ~ Rose Sale to support WI Right to Life, suggested donation \$2-3 per rose.
- **May 12** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **May 17** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) End of the year Party

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: May 2. Jun full. Jul 4, 12, 19, 25 and 26.

Open Weekdays: Apr 28. May 7, 12, 19, 26 and 28. Jun 2, 16, 25 & 30. Jul 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, & 30.



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 stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,827.94	Received as of week 2
(\$1,172.06)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		4/12/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,430.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Easter Env	190.00	Received This Week	\$3,488.69
Offertory	461.00	Total needed	\$30,000.00
MLS Memorials	200.00	YTD Received	\$30,443.43
DAA Rebate	<u>1,161.69</u>	Difference	443.43
Total	\$3,488.69		
Good Fri Env	65.00	Food Pantry	64.10
Rice Bowls	40.82		

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 4/10/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,625.00	\$15,726.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
Over Target	\$4,060.00	\$1,161.69

Percent Pledged: 127.88% , Percent Received: 107.98%

Number Contributing: 27

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!

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I would like to share in writing a few words from what I shared last weekend about assignments. The short version is that Fr. Bauer is heading up to St. Henry Catholic Church in Eau Galle while Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh comes down from Loyal, Greenwood, and Willard to join us as Associate Pastor, keeping residence in Hillsboro. I'll take over Pastoral duties from Fr. Bauer, meaning that Fr. Emmanuel and I will tag-team Coon Valley, Viroqua, Hillsboro and Wonewoc, all starting July 1. The official version:

The Very Reverend **Joseph M. Richards**, Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua and St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley, and Dean of the Richland Center Deanery, is also appointed Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Hillsboro and St. Jerome Parish in Wonewoc, with continued residence at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua, effective July 1, 2026.

The Reverend **Emmanuel S. Famiyeh**, Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Loyal, St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Greenwood, and Holy Family Parish in Willard, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Hillsboro, St. Jerome Parish in Wonewoc, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua and St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley, with residence at St. Aloysius Parish rectory in Hillsboro, effective July 1, 2026.

The Reverend **Donald J. Bauer**, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Hillsboro and St. Jerome Parish in Wonewoc, is appointed Pastor of St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 1, 2026.

This all remains an exploratory work in progress, trying to approach a real pastoral need from a new angle – happily we've received these assignments with a good bit of lead time, so there's time and space before July 1 to get some ducks in a row. The Bishop and Fr. Martin have also both made it abundantly clear that my back is not against the wall here, meaning that if it's too much for me to handle, I have the support and flexibility available to rearrange as needed. I imagine as we go forward, we'll see some adjustments to things like Mass times, programming, and my own pastoral availability (as well as adding another priest into the mix), and my hope is that our current trend of lay initiative in both parishes plays a role in meeting the needs that come up. As far as where I am right now, A) this is all quite a bit and there is certainly the looming anxiety of transition and the unknown, B) I am encouraged by the amount of "how can I help?" and "how are you doing?" I have received, and C) I maintain the conviction that the Holy Spirit is moving in ways we'll understand best in hindsight. Our job is to walk on with curiosity about and receptivity to His movement, and trust that He'll take care of the rest! We'll gather the Pastoral Councils again in a week and a half – feel free to share any feedback or questions or concerns with our councilors (listed in the bulletin). As will be the norm, more to come and all will be well.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

The PCCW Spring Luncheon will be Sat., April 25 serving 11-1. Our guest speaker is John Zak from Viroqua Parish. St. Rose and St. Theresa Guilds will be providing the salads this year. Members are asked to provide their recipe for the salad they bring and these will be posted. This year's cost is \$10/person and free for children 10 and under. All are welcome to attend. **Help spread the word by posting the flyer in last weekend's bulletin in the community (extra flyers in the back of the church).**



Special Collection for the DCCW– April 18 & 19

We will be taking a special collection April 18 & 19 in support of the DCCW to help fund the many programs they support. Some of the programs included are: Relevant Radio, Water for Life, the Madonna Plan, Project Milk, the Vocation Purse Club, Casa Hogar, Catholic Relief Services diocesan warming shelters, and our seminarians. They also provide grants and scholarships, such as Students for Life, Catholic College Grant, FOCUS Campus Ministry, camps,

Parish Announcements continued

mission work, Catholic School Classrooms, Retrouvaille, and the Human Trafficking Ministry. Thank you for your generous donation to help support these worthy programs.

Gathered in Grace (Moms Group)- Driftless Region

Mom Group starting for local parishes. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace - Driftless Region" for more information. We will gain interest from the community and begin meeting once a week in September. If you have any questions, feel free to text/call Alex Kararo at 612-578-6706 or Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546. Scan the QR code to join the group with no obligation.



Save the date - Join Viroqua PCCW for another Ladies Night Out on Sunday, **May 3** at Old Towne Inn at 5:30 pm. All women of both the Viroqua & Coon Valley parishes are invited. A limited menu will be offered. We'll be honoring Joyce Humfeld and thanking her for her nearly 10 years as our parish PCCW president!

Parish Announcements *continued*

With joyful hearts, we ask you to keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion on April 26 during Mass** and **Confirmation on April 30 at 6:30 PM in Viroqua**. May they be filled with God's grace as they encounter Christ in a deeper way, and may their faith continue to grow for years to come.



First Communion
Dawsen Palmer
Onyx Ritter



Confirmation
Colton Hess
Nathaniel Steiger
Adam Steiner

Family of Faith End of Year Party this Sunday and Parish Social - Apr 19

Join us in the parish hall after Mass on Sunday for food, fellowship and Jeopardy

All are Welcome to attend - May 3 in Viroqua

Come and experience a way of praying with a passage of Sacred Scripture in which the Holy Spirit makes a connection between the passage and your own life on Sunday, May 3rd after Mass in Viroqua. Whether you have never opened a Bible or you take a bit of time each day to read a chapter, this way of praying with the Bible is for you! This simple way of pondering a Scripture passage is referred to as *Lectio Divina*.

Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner Update

Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and supported the Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner on April 11. We served 119 adults and 17 children and are grateful for the wonderful turnout. A full report will be provided once all receipts are in. Special thanks to our Religious Education students and all the volunteers whose time and effort made the evening so successful.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

16th Annual Meatball and Lefse Dinner - Apr 25

Join the Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church just off Hwy 162 on the way to Stoddard (S1810 N. Stoddard Rd) on April 25 from 4:30-7:30 PM for meatballs and gravy, lefse, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, desserts, coffee and milk. Price: \$15/dinner, \$10 kids 6-12, free 5 and under. Dine in or carryout. Goodies also available for purchase at the bake sale. Contact Teresa at 608-483-2612.

Lend a helping hand

Volunteer for Neighbors Day 2026!

We need you! April 25th is approaching quickly. Join over 500 volunteers to help community neighbors in the city of La Crosse to prepare their homes for spring. Volunteers are tasked with raking leaves and trimming shrubs. Register at: donate.habitatlacrosse.org

Hope for Today - LDCCW Biennial Convention - Apr 25

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding their biennial convention on Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. It will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church at 223 Maple Street, Arcadia, WI. The keynote speaker will be La Crosse Bishop Gerard Battersby. For more

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information and a registration brochure visit their website at www.ldccw.com.

Join us for the Wisconsin March for Life

Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2-4pm at Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps, 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703. Signs will be provided. The following buses to Madison are available for \$15/person or \$45/family: Wausau-Stevens Point; Onalaska-Sparta-Wisconsin Dells; Chippewa Falls-Mauston. Visit: <https://marchforlifewisconsin.org/>

Activity Corner



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The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?
Use the code to find out!

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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

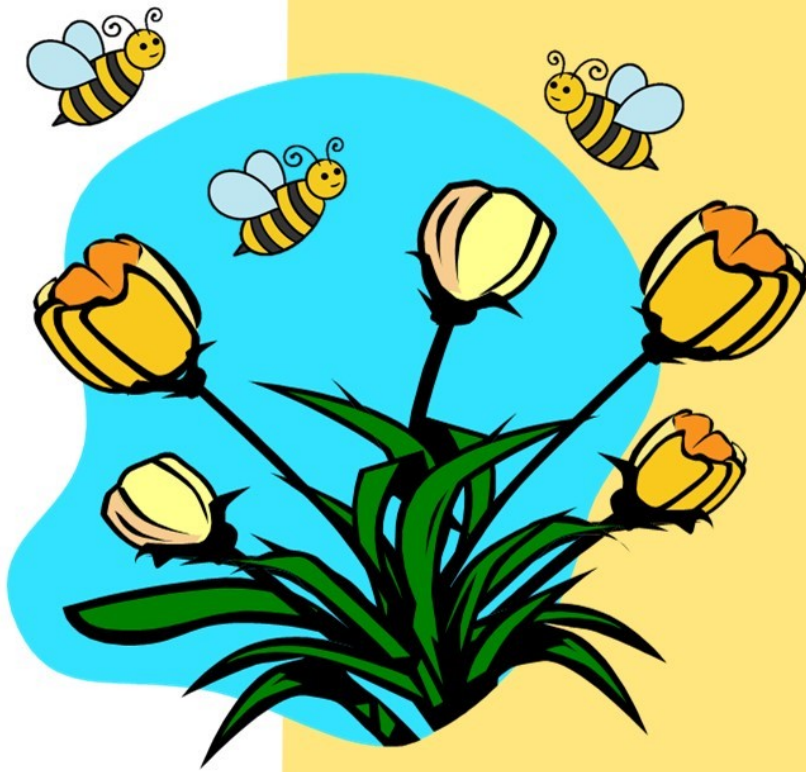
Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

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.

Spring Luncheon

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 25th, 2026



Only \$10 per person
Children 10 & under are
free

Open to the general
public. Invite your family
and friends and join us
for lunch.

At 11:30 a.m. guest
speaker - John Zak. He
will make a presentation
entitled Why is There
Contention Between
Science & Religion These
Days-Is it Real! John was a
Professor Emeritus in the
Department of Biological
Sciences at Texas Tech
University for almost 40
years. He has also taught
faith-centered adult
education classes.

Door Prizes

Event held by St. Mary's
PCCW. All proceeds go to
support St. Mary Parish.

Questions? Call 608-452-3841

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