



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

March 15, 2026 | Fourth Sunday of Lent | Reading 511A

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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

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek,
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Parish Pastoral Council

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

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
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Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
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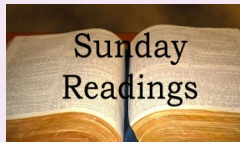
Fr. Joe also serving:

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



March 15, 2026
 1) *I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7*
 2) *Ephesians 5:8-14*
 3) *John 9:1-41*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00pm Mass - † Art and Evelyn Gajewski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass - † Gavin Williams
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Trevor Boland

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, March 17

St. Patrick / St. Patrick's Day

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross followed by
 Communion Service (no Mass)

THURSDAY, March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:10 am Rosary then fellowship (no Mass)

SATURDAY, March 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00pm Mass - † John and Maria Rabotski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass - † Roskos and Roningen Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Mar 15** ~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Rose Guild ~ 1st Communion class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 15-20** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO
- **Mar 17** ~ Adoration at 4:30 PM, *Stations of the Cross* at 5:15 PM followed by Communion Service (no Mass) ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **March FoF Community Volunteer Activity** will be to help with Spaghetti Dinner on April 11th.
- **Mar 19** ~ 8:10 AM Rosary followed by coffee and fellowship and Bible Study (no Mass) ~ Discuss Fratelli Tutti 6:30-8 PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 22** ~ 1st Communion class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 23-31** ~ Parish office closed - Amy on Mission trip, for administrative needs contact Fr. Joe.
- **Mar 23** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM ~ **Healing Mass** in Viroqua 4:30 PM Adoration (with Confessions) 5:30 PM Mass 6:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing 7:00 PM Individual Prayer Ministry
- **Mar 24** ~ Adoration at 4:30 PM, *Stations of the Cross* at 5:15 PM followed by Mass ~ Grief Share in Viroqua 5-7 PM
- **Mar 26** ~ Discuss Fratelli Tutti 6:30-8 PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 29** ~ 1st Communion class 11:45AM-12:45PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 30** ~ All day confessions at St. Joseph Cathedral, La Crosse from 9 AM to 6 PM

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Apr 26. May 2 or 3, 16, 17, 24, & 30. Jun 21 & 28.

Open Weekdays: Apr 28. May 5, 7, 12, 19, 26 and 28. Jun 2, 16, 18, 23, 25 & 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 stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of February 27, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$71,203.50
 THANK YOU!

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



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,732.00	Received as of week 2
(\$6,268.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		3/8/2026	
Adult Env (38)	2340.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	171.00	Received This Week	\$2,526.00
Ash Wed	15.00	Total needed	\$20,000.00
Total	\$2,526.00	YTD Received	\$18,554.24
		Difference	(1,445.76)
Easter Flower	\$50.00	Uganda Mission	\$20.00

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 3/13/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$17,525.00	\$13,906.69
Target Amount	<u>\$14,565.00</u>	<u>\$14,565.00</u>
Over/Under Target	\$2,960.00	(\$658.31)
Percent Pledged: 120.32% , Percent Received: 95.48%		
Number Contributing: 25		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

From the Pastor

Friends,

Presuming we can make our way out through the snow, I'll be heading up to the Twin Cities on Sunday then out to California for a few days until Friday this week. This means a few changes for this coming week, and I figure I'll just take this chance to break down the next few weeks in one place too. First, regarding this week – except Friday morning, we'll have something paraliturgical or devotional happening during each of our regular Mass etc. times. **On Tuesday**, the Deacon version of Joe Richards (he'll remind me that I'm also still Deacon too) will join us in Coon Valley for our customary 4:30 adoration, 5:15 Stations of the Cross, then a 5:45ish Communion Service rather than Mass. On Wednesday, Deacon Tony will lead a similar 5:15 Communion Service followed by adoration until 6:30, and **on Thursday** a few folks will lead the rosary down in Coon Valley at 8:10 followed by fellowship then Bible Study downstairs. Friday evening, Stations will still happen at 5:15 in Viroqua.

Now for **next week** – after a regular weekend's Masses, we'll be hosting our next **healing service and Mass** right in Viroqua. We've been running these on a quarterly basis, starting with adoration and prayer at 4:30, a Mass at 5:30, and specific healing prayers starting right around 6:30. You are very welcome to join us for this service – various offerings include confessions, those specific prayers, time to pray with prayer teams, and time to pray with the Blessed Sacrament. Participants are not obliged to participate in every aspect and are free to follow the Holy Spirit through whatever work He has in mind for each. Again, March 23 starting right about 4:30 in Viroqua.

Finally, **the Triduum**. This whole Lent we've been building up to the three-day (really 54 ½ hour) story arc of The Easter Triduum (Three-Days). Everything starts out in Viroqua on **Holy Thursday** with the 5:15 Mass of the Lord's Supper – a Mass that starts off normally until the beautiful moment of the foot washing, before ending with the suspenseful procession out of the Church with the Blessed Sacrament. That evening we'll continue our tradition of adoration until Midnight, and I'll have a sign-up sheet coming out to make sure we've got folks staying with our Lord. The next day, **Good Friday**, we don't celebrate a Mass but rather continue the prayer of the night before with the reading of the Lord's Passion, followed by the Veneration of the Cross and reception of Holy Communion (but not the consecration as at a Mass). We'll have two services for Good Friday, at 12:10 in Viroqua and **3:00 in Coon Valley**. The Church is then left again in silence through a full day plus until that little light flickers into the darkness of the **Easter Vigil** (8:30 PM this year, in Viroqua) and the triumphant celebration of Christ's resurrection together. Whether you have taken in the whole story before or not, I invite you to my favorite liturgical celebration of the year – this full ride through Holy Thursday to Good Friday to the Easter Vigil.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

With joyful hearts, we welcome
into our parish family

Sienna Harper Huber

daughter of Jonah Huber and Paige
(Landon) Huber
who is being baptized this weekend.

*"Let the little children come to me, and do
not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these."* — Matthew 19:14



A Table Together - Free Community Dinner - Mar 18

You are invited to **A Table Together**, a free community meal where neighbors come together to share good food and warm fellowship. Join us on **Wednesday, March 18, from 5:00-6:30 PM at Coon Valley Lutheran Church, 1005 Central Ave, Coon Valley**. Dinner will be a build-your-own baked potato bar plus dessert and beverage. All are welcome as neighbors connect and friendships grow in Christ's love. meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org.

Gather. Share. Be Fed.

Did you know? Lenten Luncheon with Bishop Battersby

Representatives from St. Mary Parish will attend the annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on March 18, hosted by Catholic Charities with Bishop Gerard W. Battersby. The event honors outstanding service of Jason Larsen (*In My Name Award*) and Chuck and Mary Kulas (*Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award*). We thank our members for participating and bringing our parish's spirit of service to this special gathering.

Healing Mass and Service Monday, March 23, 2026—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Viroqua, will host this service. All are welcome to attend any part of the evening. 4:30 PM Adoration (with Praise & Worship, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Confessions) 5:30 PM Mass 6:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing 7:00 PM Individual Prayer Ministry

Parish Announcements *continued*

The Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

Birthright provides love and support to women facing pregnancy, reminding them they are not alone. Please fill a bottle with loose change or cash and return it by Sunday, March 15, 2025. Envelopes are available; make checks payable to Birthright. Thank you for your life-affirming support of mothers, fathers, and babies.

CRS Rice Bowl & MCA Mite Boxes

This Lent, help support those in need around the world through CRS Rice Bowl and the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Mite Boxes. Rice bowls and mite boxes are available in the back of church. Please collect loose change or cash throughout Lent and return your donations on Easter Sunday. Your generosity will assist impoverished children and families across the globe. To learn more and read this week's Story of Hope, visit crsricebowl.org.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Looking for a Fish Fry this Friday?

The Fish Frynder is the Diocese of La Crosse's dedicated web tool for finding Lenten meals. Find upcoming fish fry's by date and location across the diocese's 19 counties.

* Official Link: diolc.org/fishfrynder

* Calendar View: diolc.org/calendar/fish-frynder

Two Lenten Regulations:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

CV Lutheran Church Men's Club Fish Fry Fundraiser

Wednesday March 25 from 4:30-6:30pm the CVLC Men's Club will be holding a fish fry! The menu includes: 2 pieces of cod, broiled or batter fried, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. **Tickets will be presale only, they will not accept walk ins. Presale tickets end on March 14.** The cost of a ticket is \$15.00. Tickets will be sold before and after worship services or by contacting their church office 608-452-3772 or email: office@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org. All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

A Retreat for a Parish on Mission Monsignor David Kunz will be leading a Lenten Mission at St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish, located at 210 W. Hamlin St. in West Salem, Sunday, **March 15th, through Friday, March 20th.** The times are: Sunday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 18, at 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. The daytime sessions repeat the previous evening session. All are welcome. Together we can grow closer to Christ during Lent.

Project Seed Sales Coming in the Spring

Farmers, mark your calendars for a Forage & Seed Corn sale that will be coming to several locations in spring of 2026,

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supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high-quality, low-cost seed. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative.

Sale dates and locations:

- March 14 - 10 AM-1 PM at St. Mary's Church in Richland Center
- March 21 - 10 AM-2 PM in Holy Family Hall in Stanley
- March 28 - 10:30 AM-1 PM at Fourments Farm Home Store in Colby
- April 11 - 11 AM-1 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Cassel

For more information, call Scott Mohr at 608-769-2764, or Steve Mohr at 608-780-5460.

Men of the Cross: Forged for Mission | March 21, 2026 | Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Men of the Diocese of La Crosse! Join other Catholic men for a powerful day of encouragement and formation as we grow stronger as disciples, husbands, fathers, and leaders forged for mission. For info and too register: <https://menofthecross.org/>
Featured Speaker: Bart Schuchts. **Mass Celebrant:** Fr. Sam Martin. **Cost:** \$45 (includes breakfast & lunch). **High School Men:** Attend FREE with a parent/guardian

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS at the Cathedral - Mar 30

Mon., Mar. 30th, 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

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): 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday: 8:00 AM here

10:30 AM in Viroqua

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.