

**PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR**

**Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)**

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**Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:**

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday..... 6:30pm

Thursday.....8:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday.....3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

**PARISH OFFICE**

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Bulletin deadline: ..... Wednesday noon

E-mail: [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto: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

vacancies)

**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 - 6:30 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](http://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Call or email Fr. Joe. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [fatherjoerichards@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjoerichards@gmail.com) You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://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](http://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](http://stmarycv.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley)



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14*


*Fr. Joe Richards*

*February 5, 2023*

*Readings: 590A*

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sunday Readings**  
February 5, 2023

1) Isaiah 58:7-10; 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;  
3) John 8:12


<u>Intentions</u>
Feb 04 ~ 4:00 PM - † James Coonan
Feb 05 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Welsh
Feb 07 ~ 6:30 PM - † Maria Rabotsky
Feb 09 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family
Feb 11 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningan Families
Feb 12 ~ 8:00 AM - † Ted and Hilda Ollendick

**Mass Intentions**

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Apr 2, May 7, 20, & 27.

**Weekdays open:** Feb 23, Mar 2, 7, 14, & 21. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



<b><u>Next Week in Service — Feb 11/12</u></b>	
If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!	
Readers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Nancy Peter <b>Sun.</b> – Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers <b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg

**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.

Sign in using **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Remember to shop for deals at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), or with Amazon Smile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



You shop. Amazon gives.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **February 5** ~ Religious Education Class after 8 AM Mass
- **February 7** ~ PCCW Meeting at 7 PM
- **February 8-24** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe
- **February 12** ~ Confirmation Class in Viroqua following the 10:30 AM Mass
- **February 22** ~ Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10 PM
- **February 28** ~ Stations of the Cross at 5:15 PM followed by Mass
- **March 7** ~ Stations of the Cross at 5:15 PM followed by Mass


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

**"I am the LIGHT of the world.**

**Fr. Joe's Office Hours:**

**Tuesdays from 1:00-6:30 PM (Mass time)** and on **Thursdays 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.



**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, your Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](https://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).

<b>Giving Last Week</b>		<b>Week 04</b>	<b>1/29/2023</b>
Adult Env.(31)	\$1,145.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$125.00	Received This Week	\$2,270.00
Cap. Improve.	\$1,000.00	Running total needed	\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,270.00</b>	YTD Received	\$9,861.00
Food Pantry	\$85.00	Difference	(139.00)
CCHD	\$56.00		

## From the Parochial Administrator



Hello friends,

There's been a bit of business going down over the last few weeks between both St. Mary's in Coon Valley and Annunciation in Viroqua. The short version of the next 435 words on liturgical schedules is:

- **March 25, 10:30 AM:** Pastoral Installation Mass in Viroqua
- **February 22** (Ash Wednesday)
  - ⇒ 7:15 AM Communion, Ash, and Word Service in Viroqua (Not Mass)
  - ⇒ 12:10 PM Mass in Coon Valley
  - ⇒ 5:15 PM Mass in Viroqua
- **Weekday evenings in Lent,** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
  - ⇒ Tuesdays starting at 5:15 PM in Coon Valley
  - ⇒ Wednesdays starting at 5:15 PM in Viroqua.

And if you're into the longer version of things, let me see if I can't break things down in some kind of systematic and characteristically rambling fashion.

First, we're seven months into my tenure here. You might be thinking to yourself, "Self, seven months is not a long time." Fair. Meanwhile, I'm thinking to myself, "Self, you've been a priest for thirty-one months, so a whole fifth of your priest-life has been in the Driftless Area." A fifth of my priest-life. That's a long time. Anyway, moving on. Early into all this (a solid week before making massive changes to our RE programs) I promised not to make any massive changes for at least six months – that way you could get to know me a bit and I could get to know you a bit. On a practical level, when I got this assignment, the diocese gave me the instruction to take a six-month trial period (with the title "Parochial Administrator") before requesting assignment as Pastor. Just about a month ago I met with both Pastoral Councils to solicit feedback and to prepare such a request. After a job interview with the Diocesan Personnel Council (I thought I was done with job interviews), that request passed! Our next step is to make things official with an installation Mass, bringing in the La Crosse (Coon Valley) and Richland Center (Viroqua) deans. Please check your calendars to see if you can join us for that Mass in Viroqua on March 25 at 10:30, with a luncheon hosted by both our PCCWs.

Second, **Ash Wednesday.** This one's tricky with two parishes and a priest's ordinary two-Mass-a-day cap, but after meeting with both Pastoral Councils I think we have a workable schedule: 7:15 AM Word & Ash & Communion Service in Viroqua, led by Deacon Tony (to catch folks before work), 12:10 Mass in Coon Valley (to catch folks on lunch break), and 5:15 PM Mass in Viroqua (to catch folks after work). Please join us for whichever liturgy works into your schedule!

Finally, a note on **weekday Mass** adjustments. I've mentioned elsewhere that we're studying our daily Mass schedule. After scouting around and polling the regulars, we're keeping Thursday's Coon Valley and Friday's Viroqua Masses at 8:00 AM. We're going to use Lent as a trial period to test moving Tuesday's and Wednesday's liturgies up from 6:30 to 5:15. For Tuesdays in Lent, we'll pray the Stations of the Cross at 5:15 PM in Coon Valley, followed by daily Mass at 5:45. For Wednesdays in Lent (starting March 1), we'll pray the Stations at 5:15 PM in Viroqua, followed by daily Mass at 5:45 and adoration/confession availability until 7:00. If things go well with that adjustment, we'll consider making 5:15 a permanent switch after Easter.

Alright, that's it. God bless you all, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

### PCCW Meeting

Our next PCCW meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00PM.** We will discuss the installation of Fr. Joe as our pastor, plan a parish social, and begin plans for our spring luncheon along with other important items. Please attend if possible.

### Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for supporting CCHD. More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the CCHD at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). Envelopes for the collection are in the pew or the back of church.

### Poinsettias

Anyone wanting a poinsettia is welcome to take one. They are in the confessional area.



### AmazonSmile to end Feb 20, 2023

Please place your orders by February 20th to help St Mary's. Amazon has decided to end the program and will winddown it's operation on February 20th. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for St. Mary's as normal. If you haven't used AmazonSmile please do so now before the program ends. Sign up at: [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Thank you!

### Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Grab a baby bottle from the back of church, take it home and fill it with your spare change. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience (by dropping in the collection plate) before or on Sunday February 26, 2023. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Julius "JD" Dumale**

who passed away on

January 29, 2023

Memorial Service Sunday, Feb 5 at

CV Village Hall 4-6 PM



*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

*Matthew 5:4*

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

**Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? - Feb 27**

Join us for Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, February 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street)

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

Schedule of Evening. 5:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm. 6:30 pm - Holy Mass After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

### Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608-860-6698 or email [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org).

### World Day for Consecrated Life - Feb. 4-5

Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced and loved

### Morning of Reflection - Mar 4

Ladies: Please save the morning of March 4, for a Morning of Reflection at the Cathedral. Elizabeth Kelly will be our guest speaker; she is a national award-winning Catholic author and speaker. The event is free and open to all ladies. A light breakfast buffet will be provided.

### Bus Trip to Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson - Mar 4

Beat the winter blahs, go on a bus trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see Music Man. Trip includes bus, lunch, and show. Cost is \$110. Profits to Holy Trinity Parish. Contact Arlene Young 608-788-3440.

### 2023 Mardi Gras

Coulee Region Mardi Gras congratulates the newly revealed Rex and Queen of Mardi Gras 2023, Mark and Stephanie Dickson of Blessed Sacrament! Visit: [www.lacrossemaidigras.com/](http://www.lacrossemaidigras.com/) for more information on all the Mardi Gras fun, including the Fat Tuesday party on February 21 at the La Crosse Bierhaus. All are invited to these events in support Aquinas Catholic Schools with funds raised going toward classroom needs, tuition assistance, technology, and fine arts programs.

### A Minute with Jesus Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist



When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, our eyes see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. Jesus, grant me the grace to believe this truth, that though "hidden", You are truly present in Holy Communion. It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe –

with faith's consent. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, I want to believe. Please help me to believe that what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions. This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.



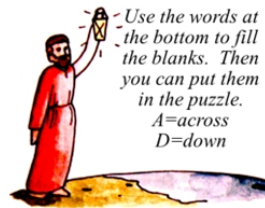
## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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.

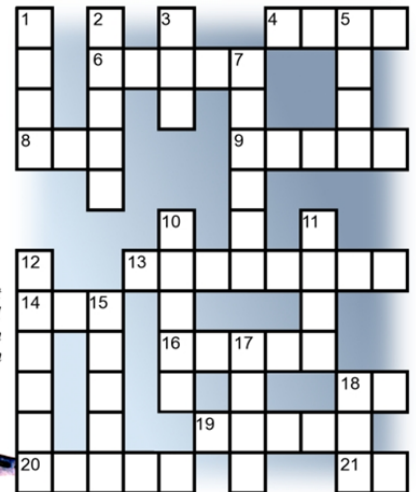
To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)

## Activity Corner

### Salt and Light Crossword Puzzle



Use the words at the bottom to fill the blanks. Then you can put them in the puzzle.  
A=across  
D=down



\_\_\_\_\_ 2D \_\_\_\_\_ 5D to his disciples: "You are the \_\_\_\_\_ 11D of the \_\_\_\_\_ 6A But if salt \_\_\_\_\_ 15D its \_\_\_\_\_ 20A with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer \_\_\_\_\_ 17D for anything but \_\_\_\_\_ 21A be thrown out and trampled underfoot. \_\_\_\_\_ 8A \_\_\_\_\_ 3D the light of the \_\_\_\_\_ 10D A \_\_\_\_\_ 1D set on a \_\_\_\_\_ 13A cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ 7D Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel \_\_\_\_\_ 12D; it is \_\_\_\_\_ 18D on a lampstand, where it gives \_\_\_\_\_ 16A to \_\_\_\_\_ 14A in the \_\_\_\_\_ 19A Just \_\_\_\_\_ 18A your light \_\_\_\_\_ 4A \_\_\_\_\_ 9A and glorify your heavenly Father."

MUST JESUS MOUNTAIN CITY LIGHT  
SAID DEEDS BASKET EARTH WORLD  
GOOD HOUSE HIDDEN YOU SET ALL  
SALT TASTE LOSES ARE SO TO

Answer: Across: 4.must 6.earth 8.you 9.deeds 13 mountain 14.all 16.light 18.so 19.house 20.taste 21 to Down: 1.city 2.jesus 3.are 5.said 7.hidden 10.world 11.salt 12.basket 15.loses 17.good 18.set