

PASTOR

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.....5:15 pm
Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Stafshien, 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
Sunday10:30 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



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

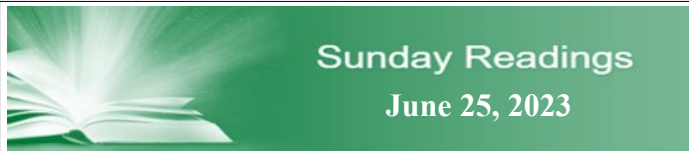
Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

June 25, 2023

Readings: 611A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings June 25, 2023

- 1) *Jeremiah 20:10-13*; 2) *Romans 5:12-15*;
3) *Matthew 10:26-33*

Intentions

Jun 24 ~ 4:00 PM - † Bob and Marge Wittenberg
Jun 25 ~ 8:00 AM - † Joan Clements
Jun 27 ~ 5:15 PM - † Bob Welsh
Jun 29 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family
Jul 01 ~ 4:00 PM - † Anna Kerska
Jul 02 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.
Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jul 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20. Sep 17.
Weekdays open: Aug 1, 29, & 31. Sep 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **June 27 ~ Fr. Joe's Anniversary of Ordination (2020)**
- **July 11 ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM**
- **July 20 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass**
- **August 8 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM**
- **August 14 ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM**
- **August 14-18 ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, No daily Mass**

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

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3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:
<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>

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.



Next Week in Service — July 01/02

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

Readers:	Sat. – Nancy Peters	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg	

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-5:15 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.



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).



Needed for the Month of June

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,319.00	Received as of week 3
(\$3,681.00)	Short for the Month

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.

<u>Giving Last Week</u>		<u>Week 25</u>	<u>6/18/2023</u>
Adult Env(25)	\$955.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$112.00	Received This Week	\$1,067.00
Total	\$1,067.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$50,000.00
		YTD Received	\$43,035.15
Food Pantry	\$61.00	Difference	(6,964.85)

From the Pastor and Seminarian



Hello friends,

Just this weekend we celebrated the **ordination of four new priests** for the Diocese (Fr. Alex Kren, going to Chippewa Falls, Fr. Jared Clements, going to Marshfield, Fr. Isaac Pecha, going to Wausau, and Fr. John Zweber, going to Durand). Since I'm writing this on Thursday, I can't quite say how the ordination went, but here's hoping that we've got four new guys ready to dive in (even if they're all a bit of a drive away from us). I was in formation with all of these men – they're winners, and I'm glad to have them for brother priests.

Over the last few weeks, I've been trying to put some words **to my current spiritual season** – a resonant spiritual fatherhood. Almost a month ago, I entered that Holy Land pilgrimage knowing it was a bit of a transitional moment. Several long-running and personally demanding projects were wrapping up in both parishes (the capital campaign, RE, First Communion, etc.), and more than that it landed right about at the one-year mark of my time here. On our first night over there, as everyone was trying to settle into a very new time zone and new cultural space, I shared how strange it was for me as Pastor to be away from you – my People – for almost two full weeks. That strangeness continued, but as the trip went on I also recognized a deeper personal grounding – a return to my own spiritual roots. It was a blessing to be spiritual father to that group of young adults who are all trying every day to make Jesus the organizing principle in their life. To put it directly, it reminded me of why I became a priest and what my main pastoral hope is for each and every one of you individually and communally: that you enter into the type of relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church that reorients, directs, and purifies every other aspect of your lives.

This coming Tuesday is a big day for me – **the third anniversary of my own ordination**. I'll get to the point eventually where each anniversary is simply another year under my belt (I'm at that point with birthdays), but for now I'm still young enough in my priesthood that, proportionally, entering year four is a change. It's a good mark of the Holy Spirit's Providence that things have worked out how they have. So even while it's an anomaly for us to be together as Pastor & Parish so early, I am grateful for the way the Holy Spirit brought us together, for the way the last year has unfolded, and for the way He's leading us into the future.

May God bless you and keep you always, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

*Congratulations
ON YOUR
ANNIVERSARY
OF PRIESTHOOD*



Fr. Joe:

Congratulations on your third anniversary! God has used his good graces to send you to our church. Thank you for yielding to the Lord and for serving his purpose. May the Lord keep honoring you and grant you great grace for all that you do.

Inspired by the Spirit Commitment

Inspired by the Spirit campaign addresses the extraordinary needs of the parish that cannot be met through regular weekend collections. These projects involve maintenance and improvements for our worship space, parish grounds and rectory; therefore, we need to make a special effort to achieve our goal. Please prayerfully consider how you might best help achieve our goal and complete a pledge card today.

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. Pledge weekend will be coming up in June.

The funds raised will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of June 22, 2023

Pledges received at the Diocese(8): \$42,600.00

Payments received at the Diocese: \$8,640.00



Diocesan/Local Announcements

Sittin Pretty Farm Celebration – Jun 27

On Tuesday, June 27th at Sittin Pretty Farm in Viroqua from 5 to 7 PM there will be food for sale and from 7 to 9 PM music by Spunky Bumpkins. There will also be beverages for sale. Bring lawn chairs. A few of St Mary's parishioners are going and inviting others to join us. The profits go to Chaseburg Soleburner. The address is S5990 Chamberlain Ridge Rd. Viroqua, Wis. It is 6 miles out of Viroqua on County NN. The phone number is 608-632-6325. For more information visit their website at: www.sittinprettyfarm.org.

Writers Needed

55,000 Catholic Households - Our diocesan magazine, Catholic Life, needs writers from across our diocese who can help tell the vibrant Faith stories of our parishioners in our parishes and communities. Catholic Life reaches 55,000 registered families and writers have a tremendous ability to help spread the Good News. Please prayerfully consider joining of our pool of writers and reach out to Pam at pwiller@diolc.org if interested.

St. Charles, Genoa Homecoming Celebration - July 2

The 120th annual St. Charles Homecoming Celebration will be held **after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 2**, at the church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include Rooster Andy's grilled chicken and sides, and homemade risotto made by parish members. Kid hot dog meals will also be available. Cost is \$15 for a chicken dinner or \$6 for a hot dog meal. Raffles, a bake sale, beverages and kid games will also be available.

Do Not Be Afraid

Matthew 10:24-39

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Dare to Follow and Evening of Discernment Options

Dare to Follow is for young men ages 12-16 who are interested about the vocation of the priesthood. Learn more about your Catholic faith while considering God's Call in your life. Join us for prayer and FUN! 9:30 AM to 4 PM

Evening of Discernment is for men ages 17 and above. Join us for prayer and reflection while we hear from seminarians and priest about vocational discernment. 5 PM to 8 PM

There is no charge to attend this events and you may attend any location. Lunch and dinner is provide. Please email abruuggen@diolc.org or rorth@diolc.org or call 608-791-2667 to register. **Dates and locations: July 7 at Diocese of La Crosse, July 20 ant Queen of the Apostles in Tomah.** Additional dates posted on the flyer in back of the church.

Organ Recital – Jul 9

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI, is hosting an Organ Recital July, 9 at 3:00pm. The musical selection was made by and will be performed by the Director of Sacred Music, Scott Turkington. All are welcome! Visit online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

St. Patrick's Rummage Sale – Jul 21-22

Located at St. Patrick's School Gym, 127 11th Ave. N., Onalaska. Friday, July 21 7:30AM-4PM and Saturday, July 22, 7:30 AM-3PM. Clothing \$6/bag unless marked, furniture, collectors' corner, appliances, baby, kids and holiday items, sporting goods and more. Questions, call 608-783-5535. Credit cards accepted.

Pilgrimage – Jul 31 to Aug 1

A motor coach pilgrimage is planned July 31 to Aug. 1 to the Benedictines of Mary Queen of the Apostles convent in Gower, MO to pray at the tomb of Sister Wilhelmina, who is thought to be incorrupt. Father Joe Redfern will serve as chaplain. Overnight accommodation will be in Kansas City. For more information email pjslattery9@protonmail.com or call (608) 452-4605

30th Annual Corn Boil – Aug 3

Door of Hope hosting their annual corn boil on August 3rd. Lunch hours 12 -2 PM and Dinner hours 4-7 PM. All the sweet corn you can eat! Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, 3 and under free. Corn to go: \$7/dozen. The meal also includes hot dogs, chips, beans, soda and ice cream. Bulk ticket purchase of 15 or more available prior to event for \$8 each. Contact Door of Hope at: door.of.hope@outlook.com with questions.

Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 14-18

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 14-18. No experience needed. Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

Calling all single Catholics! Aug 25-27

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI *OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions.* This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). (If joining us in-person, use the promo code (PARISH23) when you register to get \$50 off! *Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.*) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

Activity Corner

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blank spaces with the words from the list. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end!

What I tell you in the dark, _____;
 utter in the _____;
 and what you hear whispered,
 _____ upon the
 housetops. And do not fear those
 who kill the _____
 but _____ kill the soul;
 rather _____ him who can kill
 both body and soul in Hell.
 Are not two _____
 sold for a _____?
 And not one of them will fall to the ground
 without your _____ will.
 But even the hairs _____ your head
 are numbered.
 Fear _____, therefore;
 you are of _____ value than many sparrows.
 So _____
 who acknowledges me before men,
 I also will acknowledge
 _____ my Father who is in heaven;
 _____ whoever denies me before men, I also
 will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

SPARROWS
 EVERYONE
 PROCLAIM
 FATHER'S
 CANNOT
 BEFORE
 PENNY
 LIGHT
 MORE
 BODY
 FEAR
 NOT
 BUT
 OF

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 Answer: God cares for you!



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