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**St. Mary's, Coon Valley**

**Weekend Masses**

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

**Weekday Mass:**

Tues. - 6:00 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

**Area Parishes—Mass Times**

**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua**

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

**St. Peter, Middle Ridge**

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish!

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on 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 [fr mattmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:fr mattmarshall@gmail.com). You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

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

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

**Book of Prayer Requests:** Please call or email Fr. Matt to have and intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

# St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

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**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>



*Samuel Relating to Eli the Judgements of God upon Eli's House*  
by John Singleton Copley

**Fr. Matthew Marshall**

*Pastor*

**January 17, 2021**

*Readings: 582B*

*St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI*  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**

- 1) 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
- 2) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- 3) John 1:35-42

**FOCUS:** In both our first reading and the Gospel, we hear how God calls people to serve. The youth Samuel hears God's voice but does not recognize it at first. But God keeps calling and with Eli's help, Samuel is finally able to hear God's word. The disciples of John the Baptist follow Jesus at his invitation, and bring along Simon Peter. We often come to serve the Lord through the invitation of others. We can offer that same invitation to those who have not yet heard the Gospel message.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Lord keeps calling Samuel, who does not answer him, until Eli advises him how to respond the next time he hears the Lord. Samuel is to say, *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*. Saint Paul writes the Corinthians, telling them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and they ought to therefore glorify God in their body. In the Gospel, John the Baptist sees Jesus and declares him to be the *Lamb of God*. Andrew leaves John to follow Jesus, and brings his brother Simon Peter.



<b>Intentions</b>
Jan 16 ~ 4:00 PM - †Sylvester Dowiasch
Jan 17 ~ 8:00 AM - †Allen and Mercedes Christen
Jan 19 ~ 6:00 PM - †Marian Roesler
Jan 21 ~ 8:00 AM - †Edwin Sedevic
Jan 23 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfield
Jan 24 ~ 8:00 AM - Living and deceased members of the Shay and Pedretti Families

**Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!**

You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.



<b>Next Week in Service — Jan 24th</b>	
If you are not able to server as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you	
Money Counters:	Randy Baranczyk and Leo Nickelotti

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

- **January 19** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:45 PM
- **January 25-29** ~ **NO Weekday Mass**, Fr. Matt will be on FMLA/PTO
- **February 16** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:45 PM
- **February 17** ~ *Ash Wednesday*

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

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)



<b>Annual Appeal 2020-21</b>		
As of 01/14/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,415.00	\$9,579.28
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
<b>Over Target</b>	(\$2,510.00)	(\$3,345.72)
Percent Pledged: 80.58%, Percent Received: 74.11%		
Number Contributing:	33	
<b>WE ARE GETTING CLOSE!</b> Thank you all who have donated! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <a href="https://diolc.org/donate-online">https://diolc.org/donate-online</a> , under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.		

**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.

<b>Giving Last Week</b>		<b>Week 02</b>	<b>1/10/2021</b>
Adult Env.(25)	\$1708.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$42.00	Received This Week	\$1,800.00
New Yr's Day.(1)	\$50.00	YTD Needed	\$3,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1800.00</u></b>	YTD Received	\$2,672.00
		Difference	(1,128.00)

## From Fr. Matt:



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- A **maneki-neko** as referenced in my homily! Remember the words of Jesus, Whoever has ears ought to hear! (Mt 11: 15) Consider praying a prayer like this during the week, like the one many people use before the Gospel reading: **May the Word of God be in my mind, and on my lips, and deep within my heart. Amen.** Another fine prayer is the Prayer of St. Patrick.

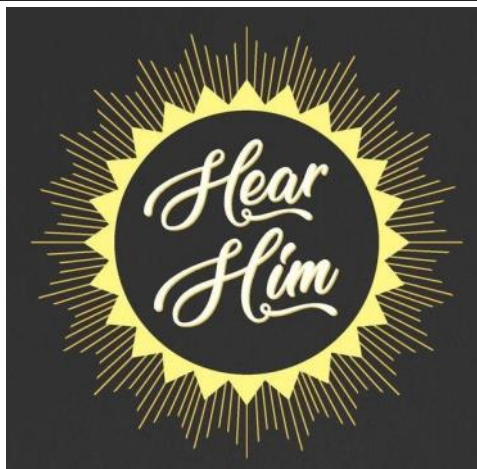
- Fr. Matt will be taking FMLA or PTO to help care for his mom from **Monday January 25th to Friday January 29th. There will be no daily Masses that week.** Weekend Masses will be as usual.

- This Monday begins a **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** It concludes annually on January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. We ask the prayers of our older brother St. Paul who worked so hard to unite people around the love of Jesus. We pray that following the Lord Jesus together, all of us who bear the name Christian, would work for greater unity and peace in this world. We remember the words of the Lord Jesus: **"this is how all will know you are my disciples, if you love one another!"**

- Monday is also **Martin Luther King Day.** Please pray for peace also in our nation, and for all people to realize more and more, the dignity of every human being. A few weeks ago I recommended that you listen again to MLK's "I Have a Dream Speech" since he quoted at such length from our First Reading. This week might I recommend giving his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech a read or a listen:

<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/ive-been-mountaintop>. It is a speech he gave in defense of sanitation workers on strike in Memphis. It is his final speech. Martin was murdered the next day. With an eloquence that flowed, like Jesus, not just from his words but from his life, Dr. King powerfully urges all people to seek a nonviolent way of living and protesting in peace. **Martin Luther King Jr...pray for us!**

LISTEN TO  
THE VOICE  
OF GOD!



## Parish Announcements

### 2020 Contribution Statements

All registered members may pick up their 2020 Contribution statement today through January 25th. Any remaining statements will be mailed on January 26th. If you are still uncomfortable attending Mass, feel free to stop by the church during open prayer time to pick it up. Thank you for your continued support.

### Donations:

We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 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](http://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley) (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

### Staying Connected

- ⇒ The parish bulletin is available on our Website—[www.stmarycv.org](http://www.stmarycv.org)
- ⇒ We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database) or upon request
- ⇒ Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- ⇒ **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### First Saturday Devotions

Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions, as Our Lady requested at Fatima. These devotions will take place on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Devotions will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Shrine Church with a meditation given by one of the Friars of the Immaculate on one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This will be followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass. We hope that you can take part in these special devotions, as requested by Our Lady at Fatima, to obtain peace for the world.

### Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign

Steeple repair and other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral are needed. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of

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generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral. In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it! Informational flyers with donation options may be found in the back of church or pledges can be made online at <https://cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone/> We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

**Marriage Preparation Retreats** - The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at [mnerickson95@gmail.com](mailto:mnerickson95@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

### Virtual Poetry Café (via zoom)

**February 25** • Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m. **Facilitator:** Sarah Hennessey, FSPA **Investment:** \$5 **Registration deadline:** February 24 Bring your beverage of choice and your favorite poetry, either written by you or by another author, for a time of sharing and reflection. During this dark time of winter, poetry can bring a little light and hope into our lives.

## Week of Jan.17th Readings

### Monday 18 January

*Hebrews 5:1-10* There is an important echo of Gethsemane in this reading. In the original, a double meaning emerges: he prayed to the one who was able to save him from / out of death. Jesus was saved not from death, because he did indeed die, but he was saved out of death in his resurrection.

*Mark 2:18-22* Why did Jesus feel so free to break with tradition and received practices? Partly because of *what* he said but really because of *who* he was. This radically new reality called for correspondingly new practices. There *is* a lesson for today's church!

### Tuesday 19 January

*Hebrews 6:10-20* Does God keep his promises? Here the writer gives a resounding yes, based on the story of Abraham.

*Mark 2:23-28* There are really two parts to our story today. The first part is an argument from Scripture: David did what was forbidden and, Jesus, the son of David, may do likewise. There is more. As a common sense observation, Jesus notes that Sabbath regulation was *for the sake of believer* and not the other way around. Finally, the claim to be able to alter the Sabbath is really a claim to being equal to God.

### Wednesday 20 January

*Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17* The writer of Hebrews knew that Jesus was not a Levitical priest. As a result, he had to seek out an alternative model, which he found in Melchizedek. Apart from his name etc. this figure suited because Jesus was without origin or issue, without beginning (he comes from heaven) and without end (in the resurrection).

*Mark 3:1-6* Our conflict story is again about the Sabbath but it is more intense because *they were watching him*. The Sabbath was meant to mark creation and liberation: what better gesture than to heal a man? And yet, tradition gets in the way.

### Thursday 21 January

*St Agnes, virgin and martyr Hebrews 7:25-8:6* The writer compares two kinds of the priesthood, that of the OT and that of Je-

## Week of Jan.17th Readings (cont.)

sus. He strikes a note of continuity and discontinuity. The OT priesthood was a foreshadowing of the one to come, and consequently, lost its significance once he had brought the perfect priesthood.

*Mark 3:7-12* Jesus the healer comes to tremendous profile in this Gospel passage and there is an impression of widespread popularity and immense demand and intense pressure. It makes for a very dynamic portrait. Does it speak us to today? We too can bring our need of healing before the same Lord, present among us

**Friday 22 January** *St Vincent, deacon and martyr Hebrews 8:6-13* The substance of this reading is a chain of quotations from the Hebrew Bible. The writer wants to show that the earlier covenant was always imperfect and that another better covenant was always to come. The Christian reader see the fulfillment of this in Jesus himself.

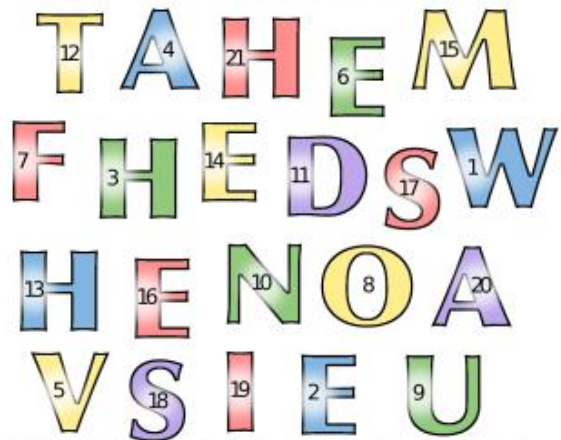
*3:13-19* What was the meaning of the appointment of the Twelve? The historical Jesus was called only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." Accordingly, the twelve symbolized the twelve son of Jacobs, the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel. The appointment of the twelve, there, is part of the restoration of Israel and, as such, a mark of God's fidelity of Israel down the centuries, climaxing in the person and ministry of Jesus. Of course, it was more than a symbol: the apostles were to be bearers of Jesus message.

### Saturday 23 January

*Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14* In our reading, the tent refers to the temporary sanctuary in the desert but also to the inner sanctuary of the Jerusalem temple. In the writer's teaching, the temporary desert tent was a symbol of God's presence as was the later physical Temple. In Jesus, the reality symbolized by these has been reached.

*Mark 3:20-21* This brief gospel is quite explosive. The close relatives of Jesus did not really understand who he was—on the contrary, they thought him mentally deranged.

## KIDS CORNER



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?  
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!

