



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh, Assoc. Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



August 16, 2026 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 635A

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Office Hours in the Sacristy

Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



O woman,
great is your
faith!

Let it be done
for you as
you wish.



MATTHEW 15:28



Even the smallest faith
reaches the heart of

Jesus.

Administrative Assistant

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John
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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

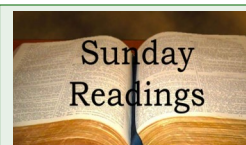
Fr. Joe also serving:

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 12:10 pm



August 16, 2026
 1) *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*
 2) *Romans 11:13-15*
 3) *Matthew 15:21-28*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 15

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - For Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, August 16

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † Nancy Gorman-Voight
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, August 18

Weekday

- NO Adoration 4:30 PM
 - NO 5:15 PM Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, August 20

St. Bernard

- 8:00 AM Mass - † Albert and Julia Sedevie

SATURDAY, August 22

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - For the People
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, August 23

202h Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † Jean Lange
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are age 70½ or older, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$111,000 (2026 limit) per year directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. A QCD is generally excluded from your taxable income and, if you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), it can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year. This can be a tax-efficient way to support the charitable organizations you care about.

Because each person's tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor or financial professional before making any decisions.

If a QCD is right for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,403.00	Received as of week 1
(\$8,597.00)	Difference for the Month

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 9-18** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO
- **Aug 15/16** ~ Welcome Msgr. Scheckel - help out priest
- **Aug 18** ~ No Daily Mass
- **Oct 1** ~ Advanced Care Planning from 3-4:30 PM in the church hall
- **Oct 6** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group 9AM-12 PM
- **Oct 8** ~ Advance Care Planning from 5-7 PM in Viroqua
- **Nov 3** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group 9AM-12 PM
- **Nov 9** ~ Grief Share, Surviving the Holidays 5-7 PM in



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 30, Sep 19 or 20, 26 & 27, Oct 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, 24, 25.

Open Weekdays: Aug 25, Sep 15, 22, & 29, Oct 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29.

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 August 15, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$91,580.00

THANK YOU!

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



May God
bless us
 and make His face
shine upon us.
 Let all the peoples
praise Him.

Giving Last Week		8/9/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,155.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	304.00	Received This Week	\$1,459.00
Total	\$1,459.00	Total needed	\$64,000.00
		YTD Received	\$62,693.68
Picnic Donation	\$135.00	Difference	(1,306.32)

From the Pastor and Seminarian

Friends,

God bless you all this weekend – I am praying for you from the Wild West as Fr. Emmanuel prays with our folks in Hillsboro and Wonewoc, Msgr. Scheckel with our folks in Coon Valley and Viroqua. I was grateful to work through Matthew 14 with you the last few weekends – that is a very busy ministry day for Jesus and His disciples, and such a beautiful glimpse into His human and His divine heart – the way He acknowledges and loves His people's needs as well as the way He enters into His own humanity. A quick reminder about the way the readings work – our Sunday lectionary (the book of readings) follows a three-year cycle. In Year A (this year) we're rooted in Matthew, Year B in Mark, and Year C in Luke. These three Gospel writers (the "synoptics" for those particularly curious) mostly tell the same story about Jesus, each with their own accent and focus on this or that running theme. This also means that as the year goes on from Advent to Advent we witness just about the whole story of Jesus' life playing out – there is powerful character development in all this.

Anyway, last weekend's Matthew 14 shows a powerful and effective few moments in Jesus' ministry. In this weekend's Matthew 15 there's a major, under-the-radar transition that moves right from the Pharisees raising beef with Jesus into this weekend's scene when, after being rejected by the Jewish leadership (the Pharisees), Jesus turns His attention outward. This is a highly miss-able switch – to this point Jesus' ministry (and just about the whole Old Testament) has been mostly directed toward the Israelite and Jewish people – even when Jesus first commissions the disciples in Matthew 10 He has them start only with the Lord's Jewish people, avoiding Gentile and Samaritan towns. Here comes the very non-Jewish Canaanite woman this weekend, and Jesus' own hard words (read them in the sense of "testing" rather than "scorning") are highlighting the tension of this development from the Gospel being only for a select few to it being for all people.

Just the other day, as I drove through Minneapolis and walked through the airport, it really struck me just how vast the reach of the Gospel needs to be. We're in a strange season of our own development in the Diocese under Bishop Battersby, a "pivot from maintenance to mission" as he calls it. This is all rooted in the Gospel truth that God's Word and salvation is intended for all people, not a privileged few, and that we have a lot of work to do in His service, in hope and joy and diligence. I am so grateful to pray with each and every one of you, and I invite you into the singularly blessed, remarkably necessary work of evangelization. It is for you and I, brothers and sisters, to receive His Word and His grace and to carry Him out with us to the whole world, one soul at a time.

May God bless you and keep you always,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Restore the Roots – August Edition

The August issue of *Restore the Roots*, a monthly publication sharing stories, reflections, and resources that help us grow in faith and reconnect with our Catholic roots, is available for pickup in the back of the church. Please take a copy and enjoy this month's issue!

In Our Prayers

Our parish family extends our prayers and sympathy to two of our parishioners who are mourning the loss of a parent.



* We ask you to please remember **Linda Berg and her family** in your prayers following the death of her father, **Blaine Jostad**, on August 9.

* We also ask you to remember **Lynn Duerst and her family** in your prayers following the death of her mother, **Barb Edres**, on August 14.

May the Lord surround both families with His comfort and peace during this time of sorrow, and may the hope of the Resurrection bring them strength. We pray that Blaine and Barb may now rest in the loving presence of our Lord. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Pray for Our Priests

As Fr. Joe and Fr. Emmanuel continue to adjust to their new assignments, keep them in your daily prayers. *Copies of a Prayer for Our Priests are available in the back of the church.* We encourage you to take one home and pray for Fr. Joe and Fr. Emmanuel each day, for as long as you feel called to do so.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Organ Recital at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

All are invited for an organ recital by Scott Turkington at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Mr. Turkington is the Director of Sacred Music at the Shrine. Admission is free and donations are accepted. Date: August 16, Time: 3:00 p.m. Location: Shrine Church, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge will be celebrating their church of 125 years on **Saturday, August 22**. There will be a mass at **4:00 pm** to start off the celebration with a parish picnic following with **FOOD, BEVERAGES, MUSIC, and GAMES**. A **HISTORY DISPLAY** will be open in the St Joseph School next to the church. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!** To RSVP scan the QR code, click "going" on the St. Joseph Parish Facebook page or by phone please call (608)788-1646.



Back-to-School and Birthday Bash – Aug 30

To celebrate the start of the new school year (and Father Matthew Bowe's birthday), please join the Tri-Parish of Cashton & Norwalk for a Bash after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart in Cashton on Sunday, August 30th. This is an open-to-all event-the more the merrier! A potluck lunch will be served until noon, and kickball and bingo will occur in the School backyard beginning at noon. This is open to all families of all parishes and will be a great opportunity for community building, especially now that both Viroqua and Coon Valley parishes are represented by families at Sacred Heart Catholic School! Let us come together for fellowship, food, and fun.

Diocesan/Local Announcements *continued*

Mass of Hope and Healing - Sept. 8

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tues. Sep. 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A candle ceremony at 6:30 PM, prior to the beginning of Mass. Please arrive early to receive your votive candle(s) in remembrance of any child(ren) lost. After Mass, refreshments will be served and volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort. We welcome all who mourn, and encourage anyone to come and be supportive.

Rural Life Day Sept. 23 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor

Come together with several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop-Emeritus William Callahan, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards-blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family at Creamery Creek Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

Rural Life Day Nominations:

We are seeking nominations for the following recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor):

- **"Friend of Rural Life"** – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- **"Strangers and Guests"** – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- **"Century Farms"** – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number: annemarie.elwing@wallstonelc.com.

Walking With Women, Praying w/Scripture

All women are invited to attend Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture. Our focus is to foster a deeper relationship with God through meditation on His living word. Meditating on God's Living Word is a life-changing and transformative experience. The first meeting will be Thurs, Sept 10th (6 pm - 7:30 pm) at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman – St. Joseph Hall. Meetings take place every third Thursday (altered around holidays) Sept through May. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ!

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat for Traumatic Pregnancy Loss - Oct. 9-11

A weekend retreat for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment for grieving and for releasing deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt. One testimony: "I have been through 14 years of therapy and anti-depressants. I've confessed my abortion a hundred times. Just when I thought I could take the pain no longer, I found Rachel's Vineyard. This weekend literally saved my life." For details on the retreat, which will be held in the La Crosse area, call Amy at 608.860.6698 or contact by email: Hope4U@diolc.org. To learn about Rachel Ministries, visit <https://diolc.org/rachelministries/>

This Week on *FORMED*

⇒ Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

⇒ The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

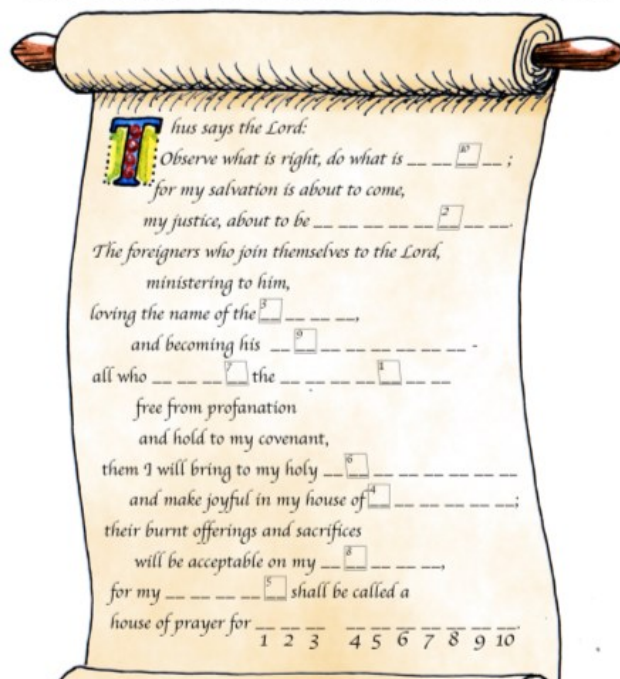
Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

⇒ Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

Activity Corner

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



Altar	Prayer	Mountain	Sabbath	Just
House	Revealed	Servants	Keep	Lord

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.



THANK YOU

*for Making Our
Parish Picnic
So Special!*

*"How good and
pleasant it is
when God's people
live together
in unity!"*

Psalm 133:1

July 25, 2026 • St. Mary Parish • Coon Valley

We are so grateful for everyone who came together
to celebrate faith, fellowship, and community.



Because of YOU,
our parish is a place
where faith comes alive!



*"Let us not love in word or
speech but in deed and in truth."*

1 John 3:18





Memories Made, Faith Strengthened, Hearts United ❤️



Good food, great company, plenty of laughter,
and wonderful memories—

A good time was had by all!

May God continue to bless our parish family
and the many hands and hearts that make it so special.

