

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay



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December 15, 2024

Readings: 485C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

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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

PARISH OFFICE

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda
Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris

Carskadon

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend:Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday10:30 AM

Weekday:Wed - 5:15 PM & Fri - 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: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

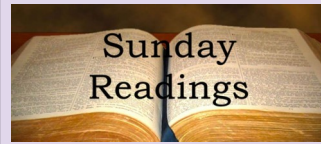
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday of Advent



December 15, 2024
 1) Zephaniah 3:14-18
 2) Philippians 4: 4-7
 3) Luke 3:10-18

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Ronald and Jeanette Hammes
 - 5:00-5:30am Adoration
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

-8:00am Mass - † Helen Stafslieen
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, December 17

Weekday

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - For Bishop Battersby

THURSDAY, December 19

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Edward Kerska
 - 8:30-9:00am Adoration

SATURDAY, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Vernon Urbanek
 - 5:00-5:30am Adoration
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, December 22

Third Sunday of Advent

-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of December 6, 2024
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$50,489.50

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

| As of 12/06/2024 | Total Pledged | Total Payments |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledged/Paid | \$8,825.00 | \$5,175.00 |
| Target Amount | <u>\$14,050.00</u> | <u>\$14,050.00</u> |
| Under Target | \$5,225.00 | \$4,675.00 |
| Percent Pledged: 62.81%, Percent Received: 36.83% | | |
| Number Contributing: 20 | | |
| To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley | | |

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Dec 15** ~ Parish Social after 8 AM Mass hosted by St. Theresa
 ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Dec 16** ~ Confessions at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 9 AM to 6 PM
- **Dec 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass
- **Dec 24/25** ~ **Christmas Eve 4:00 PM and 12:00 AM (midnight)**
- **Dec 25** ~ Christmas Mass in Viroqua 10:30 AM
- **Dec 31– Jan 7** ~ Fr. Joe away at FOCUS conference, no regular daily Mass
- **Dec 31** ~ **Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation** 5:15 PM Mass with Fr. Parr presiding
- **Jan 1** ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Mass in Viroqua at 12:10 PM and 5:15 PM
- **Jan 12** ~ *Date Change* Rel. Ed, after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19. Feb open except 23. Mar is open
Open Weekdays: Dec 25, 26, & 31. All Jan open. Feb open except the 6th. All Mar open.



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 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.

Monday: 7:00-7:30 AM in Viroqua
Tuesday: 12:05-12:35 in Viroqua,
4:30-5:00 PM in Coon Valley
Wednesday: 6:00-6:30 AM in Viroqua,
 5:45-6:30 PM in Viroqua
Thursday: 8:30-9:00 AM in Coon Valley
Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM in Viroqua
Saturday: 5:00-5:30 PM in Coon Valley
 (a half hour starting right after Mass)
Sunday: 11:30-3:00 PM in Viroqua (except Dec. 22, we have a baptism at 12:30)



Adoration



Needed this Month

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| \$10,000.00 | at \$2000 per week |
| \$3,891.00 | Received as of week 2 |
| (\$6,109.00) | Difference for the Month |

| Giving Last Week | | 12/8/2024 | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Adult Env(29) | \$1770.00 | Needed Weekly | \$2,000.00 |
| Offertory | 270.00 | Received This Week | \$2,175.00 |
| Imm Concep(5) | <u>135.00</u> | Running total needed | \$98,000.00 |
| Total | <u>\$2,175.00</u> | YTD Received | \$82,108.75 |
| X-Mass Flower | <u>\$40.00</u> | Difference | (15,891.25) |
| Retire Rel(5) | <u>\$320.00</u> | | |

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

In case you missed last weekend's bulletin, I'd like to share some important scheduling business with you again here.

Confessions: Our regular confession schedule runs 45 minutes before the 4:00, 6:30 and 10:30 Mass on the weekends, as well as during the adoration time after the 5:15 Mass on Wednesdays. For the next two weeks here I'll also be available for confessions during our Tuesday adoration times at 12:00 in Viroqua. If those times don't work out or you'd rather not go to me for confession, this Monday the Cathedral is holding their confess-a-thon (my word, not theirs) from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with three or four priests at a time hearing confessions.

Christmas Schedule: Our Christmas Masses are locked in now, with a 4:00 in Coon Valley and a 6:30 in Viroqua on Christmas Eve, a Midnight Mass in Coon Valley, and a 10:30 Christmas morning Mass in Viroqua.

Christmas Dinner: Some folks in Viroqua are putting together another Christmas Dinner following last year's first go-around. This went very well last year and I am excited to see it happening again! If you would like to join with other parishioners for this meal right after the 10:30 Mass, send an email RSVP to christmasdinnerviroqua@gmail.com or put your name down on the sheet at the back of the church – that way we'll be sure to have the right amount of food.

Daily Mass schedule: With Christmas and some upcoming conference travel in my near future, there are a few daily Mass changes around the corner. *First, there will not be Mass in Coon Valley on Thursdays December 26 or January 2.* Second, the 8:00 Mass on December 27 will be at 12:10, and there will not be a daily Mass on January 3. *Third, there will not be a 5:15 Mass on January 7,* but after my return that evening all things are back to normal. Weekends remain unaffected, and we have Fr. Parr coming in to celebrate Masses for the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, December 31 at 5:15 in Coon Valley and January 1 at 12:10 and 5:15 in Viroqua.**

Finally, we unfortunately have to cancel the Christmas pageant this year – the precisely (in)correct chemistry of factors came together to keep it from working out, but keep your eyes peeled for it next year!

Okay, deep breath, that's a lot of business all at one time. In the spirit of a lot of stuff at one time, I have one final encouragement for you over the next week and a half – take a deep breath, set some time aside for the Lord, and ask Him how He is trying to set you up for an encounter with Him in a short week and a half.

God bless you! Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Craft Show Follow-up and Raffle Winners

Quilt Raffle & Door Prize Winners: 1st – quilt: Bonnie Kararo; 2nd – crocheted blanket: Eric Humfeld; 3rd – quilted bag – Natasha Roesler; 4th – shawl: Joan LeJeune; 5th – poncho – Shirley Von Ruden; 6th – infinity scarf – Joan LeJeune. Congratulations to all the winners!

Also, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped out with the craft show – setup crew, kitchen crew, bake-sale crew, clean-up crew, and those that donated bake sale items, money, BBQ, bars, hot dogs, etc. We could not continue to have the craft show without all this support so thank you for a job well done!

Mother Mary's Baby Item Drive

We are collecting items for the Door of Hope Pregnancy & Family Care Center in Viroqua from **now through Sunday, December 22nd.**

The following items are requested:

canned baby formula (sensitive Enfamil or Similac), new boy & girl baby clothes (newborn – 3T), wraps & carriers, new baby toys and books, waterproof bibs, teethers, baby soap items, and hygiene products for moms
****diapers/wipes/quilts not needed – already well-stocked****

Please leave the items in the box located downstairs. Thank you for your generosity!



2025 Contribution Envelopes Available for Pickup



Envelopes are in alphabetical order for ease of pickup (some number holders have changed, so be sure to pickup by name). Thank you for your continued support. If you cannot find your envelopes or you do not currently have envelopes assigned to you please contact the parish office by leaving a message at 608-452-3841 or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net

2025 Calendars

Calendars are now available in the back of church. Feel free to take one home with you today. It features beautiful Catholic Art and lists all the years liturgical dates



Retirement Fund for Religious

Our Women and Men Religious Offer Gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.



We are accepting requests for 2025

Please use the envelopes in the church for this purpose, see previous page for the next 3 months of dates.

A "Mass intention" is a specific prayer request that someone asks a priest to offer during Mass. This means that the Mass, is dedicated to praying for a particular person (either in celebration, for their health, well-being, or the repose of their soul), or in thanksgiving for something, or for a special reason not necessarily disclosed; it is asking the priest to specifically remember someone or an event during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Parish Announcements continued

The Word Among Us and other Advent Materials

Booklets are available in the back of church. Feel free to take one home or any of the Advent items that speak to you.

Christmas Flower Donations



We are now accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. A special envelope is included with your envelope bundles, there are extras at the church entrances.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Something for Seniors Donations

Something For Seniors is like Toys For Tots. A **complete list of ideas is found on the collection boxes** located at: The Market Place (Cenex) in Gays Mills, Hansen's IGA in Westby, **Valley Market in Coon Valley**; and in Viroqua: Nelson Agri-Center, The Viroqua Food Coop, The Dollar Tree, St Marys Catholic Church, Vernon County Aging & Disability Resource Center. **We ask that only "New" items be donated.** Gifts can also be purchased through Amazon. For more information and gift ideas, please visit SomethingForSeniors.Org or join the Something For Seniors Facebook Group. Thank you!

ALL DAY Confessions at the CATHEDRAL - Dec 16

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman (530 Main Street, La Crosse) on Monday, December 16th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

Season of Light in La Crosse

Mayo Clinic Health System – La Crosse Auxiliary is again celebrating the Season of Light. Our Tree of Light will be displayed in the new hospital's main lobby, and a special Tree of Hope will stand in the lower level of the Cancer and Surgery Center in La Crosse. Each light purchased will signify a donation to the Auxiliary to fund needy patient accounts at Mayo Clinic Health System or other expenses incurred while a person is in a treatment program at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse and surrounding areas. Submit and pay for your request online at: <https://snscs-prod-external.mayo.edu/locations/la-crosse/volunteer/auxiliary/season-of-light/order-form> or pick up a paper order form in the back of the church.

Join Tens of Thousands at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sign up for the Pilgrimage for Life, Jan. 22-26, our diocesan participation in the national March for Life in our nation's Capital. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults, families, and young people to bear witness to the sanctity of human life. To learn more, visit diolc.org/pilgrimageforlife,

“Behold: Prayer of the Saints” Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.

Diocesan/Local Announcement continued

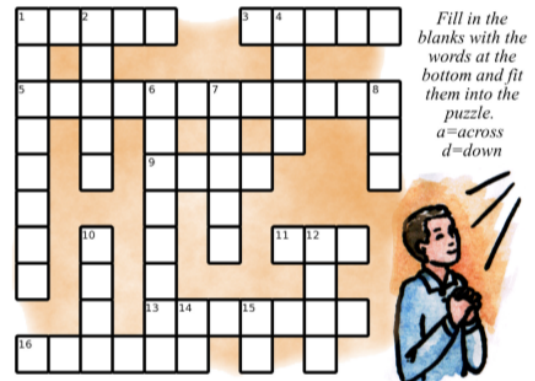
Save the Date! Men of the Cross: Forgiveness and Freedom

Will be held March 8, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. We are excited to have Bob Kroll as our keynote speaker and Mass with Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!



Activity Corner

Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

GOD SHALL TO LORD YOUR
CHRIST ALL KINDNESS SISTERS
THANKSGIVING PEACE IT PETITION
NEAR AGAIN GUARD HAVE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Never doubt
the power of
prayer.

- The sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Syria whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net