

St. Mary Parish

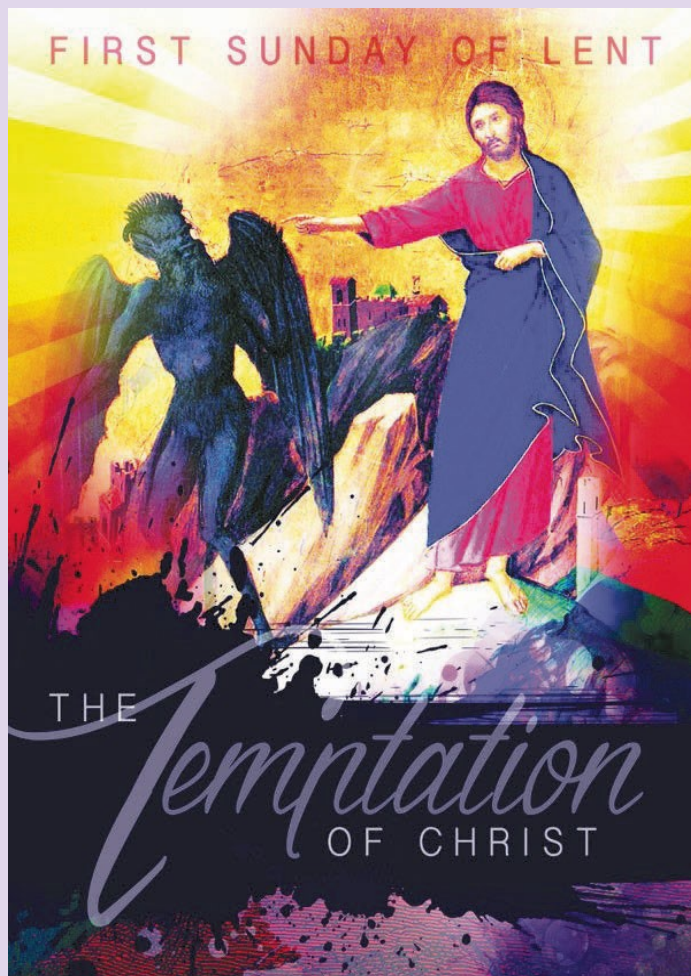
Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:
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March 09, 2025

Readings: 504C

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

Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

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.



March 09, 2025
 1) Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 2) Romans 10:8-13
 3) Luke 4:1-13

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Mar 9** ~ Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 AM
 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua
 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 10** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Mar 11** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 11** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the
 PCCW St. Rose Guild
 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua
 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 18** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Mar 23** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua
 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 25** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 29** ~ Men's Club Spaghetti Supper 4-7 PM
- **Mar 30** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua
 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Apr 1** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 2-4 PM
- **Apr 1** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Apr 2** ~ Dcn. Tony Shay's Birthday

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 08
The First Sunday of Lent
 -3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Danny Powers
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, March 09
The First Sunday of Lent
 -8:00am Mass - † Gavin Williams
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, March 11
Weekday
 - 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross
 - approx. 5:45 pm Mass - Sweber Family

THURSDAY, March 13
Weekday
 - 8:00am Mass - Larson Family

SATURDAY, March 15
Third Sunday of Lent
 -3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Art and Evelyn Gajewski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, March 16
Third Sunday of Lent
 -8:00am Mass - † Ed and Betty Gorman
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer


Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 1, 14 or 15, 22, & 29. Jul 6, 13, 20, & 27

Open Weekdays: Apr 3. May 1, 20, & 22. Jun 17, 19, 24 & 26. Jul 1, 3, 8, 10, 17, 22, 24, 29 & 31.



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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign
 5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of February 21, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$54,401.50
 THANK YOU!



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

Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,810.00	Received as of week 1
(\$8,190.00) Difference for the Month	

Giving Last Week		3/2/2025	
Adult Env(36)	\$1,635.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	175.00	Received This Week	\$1,810.00
Total	\$1,810.00	Running total needed	\$18,000.00
		YTD Received	\$14,993.00
		Difference	(3,007.00)

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 02/21/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$13,055.00	\$9,846.65
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$995.00	\$4,203.35
Percent Pledged: 92.92%, Percent Received: 70.08%		
Number Contributing: 26		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

For the past few weeks here I've been aware of the looming "March 1-9" in my schedule – an approaching flurry of extra activity demanding a bit more time and energy and intention. These extra things are all powerful and beautiful moments – things like Ash Wednesday, the healing service in Cashton, and a retreat I'm giving (by the time you read this, "gave") up in Wausau on Saturday – all moments for me to listen to the Holy Spirit and to witness His movement in folks like you and those Wausau folks on the receiving end of it all. In the first place, allow me to apologize if you've been on the receiving end of needing more of my time than I could give over the last few weeks (or anywhere along the last few years). In the second place, thank you for sharing in all the moments that made up the last few weeks here – weekend and daily Masses, those extra events, coming through to use our little chapel, etc.

The last few weeks are also maybe a good look at the way seasons like Lent and Advent sometimes go. They're seasons intended for both you and me to step back and breathe deeply with the Lord – to take on the physical and spiritual posture of receptivity and openness to His voice. One of my favorite passages from the Old Testament comes from 1 Kings 9: 9-18 – Elijah's cave. As it tends to go with him, Elijah is being hunted down for doing what the Lord asked (he had a habit of causing problems for folks in power), and he takes refuge in a cave up in the mountains to listen for the Lord's voice. The way the story plays out, the Lord tells Elijah to wait for his voice. A raging wind whips up against the mountain, strong enough to break boulders, but the Lord was not in the wind. Next an earthquake shakes the mountain to its roots, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Next a fire sweeps across the mountain, but the Lord was not in the fire. Finally, after all this tumult, Elijah hears a quiet, gentle sound – this finally he recognizes as the Lord's voice.



At our snowy Ash Wednesday Masses I shared a peculiar phenomenon that unfailingly comes up in me on fasting days. Despite the fact that I'm usually not too terribly hungry until noon or one or so, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday morning never fail to wake me up with a compelling "my goodness I need a hamburger right now." There's a real spiritual component to this season – an invitation into the desert with Jesus, an invitation from the Holy Spirit to let this season be different, set apart, and a corresponding imposition from the very real and very annoying evil spirit to try and distract you from whatever the Holy Spirit is trying to do in you. It takes work to slow down into these seasons, to let this time be different, and that work is work worth doing.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Supper - Mar 30

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on **March 30, from 4-7 PM** in the church basement. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Help spread the word by posting the flyer in today's bulletin at your work or in the community.



The Word Among Us Booklets

Feel free to take a copy of the Word Among Us Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations Lent 2025. The Word Among Us booklets can help you experience Lent as a time of growth and connection with Jesus. The booklets are written to help you get more out of Lent and come to know Jesus better.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

Birthright offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Fill the bottle with loose change or cash and return to the parish by Sunday March 23, 2025. Envelopes are also available, please *make checks out to Birthright*. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.



Thank You Church Cleaners

Thank you to the ladies who helped clean the church on Thursday March 6: Sara, Carol, Donna, Jean, Marlene, Bridget, Jody We had a great crew, and many hands made for lighter work.



CRS RICE BOWL'S 50th Anniversary!

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. Pick up your rice bowl from the back of the church. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

Student Mite Boxes—Missionary Childhood Association

Students are asked to help other children less fortunate than themselves this Lent by filling the MCA mite box. These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.



Parish Announcements continued

LENT IS HERE!

- ◆ Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- ◆ In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



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.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Fish Fry at St. Charles, Genoa – Mar 21, and Apr 4

Come enjoy a delicious Fish Fry at St. Charles School, 707 Eagle Street, Genoa, WI on March 7, March 21, and April 4th! Eat in or get it to go. Serving from 5 pm - 7 pm or gone, in the cafeteria. Dinner includes: 3 pieces of cod fish, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a bun for \$15. Drinks and desserts sold separately. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!

17th Annual Lenten Luncheon – Mar 26

Bishop Gerard Battersby and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 17th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 26! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. This year we are honoring Bishop Emeritus William Patrick Callahan with our In My Name Award! **Please RSVP online by Friday, March 21** as seating is limited. cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/ We hope to see you there!

Enrollment Open at St. Charles School in Genoa

Enrollment is open for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Charles School in Genoa, Wisconsin. Founded in 1907, St. Charles is a Catholic parish school that provides excellent education for students 4K-6th grade. Our 4K program runs the full school day, with options for either 3 days (MWF) or 5 days a week. St. Charles offers small classroom sizes and times each week for Art, PhyEd, and Music class. Our tuition rates are affordable! Learn more about our small school with a big heart, request an application, or schedule a school tour by calling the school office (608) 689-2642. You may also email Fr. Daniel Sedlacek (frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com) or Mrs. Patti Hytry (phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org). Get snapshots of who we are and what we do on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSchoolGenoa>

Overcoming Challenges With Grit and Grace - Mar 29

Offered by the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse on **MARCH 29 in-person event** on Saturday, 8:30

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a.m.-3 p.m. (Doors open at 8:30 a.m., and the event begins at 9 a.m.) **Presenters:** Patty Wetterling, Stacey Lantagne, Rebecca Kaldunski, Mia Davis. **Investment:** \$75, includes continental breakfast and lunch. **To register:** www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. Our annual conference is a celebration of all women who have faced obstacles and ordeals yet preserved, kept the faith and emerged more resilient, with four inspirational speakers.

CV Lutheran Church Men's Club Fish Fry Fundraiser Wednesday April 9th from 4:00-6:30pm the Men's Club will be holding a fish fry! The menu includes: 2 pieces of cod, broiled or batter fried, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert. **Tickets will be presale only, they will not accept walk ins. Presale tickets end on March 30.** The cost of a ticket is \$12.00. Tickets will be sold before and after worship services or by contacting Jamie in the office 608-452-3772 or Mike Lusk at: 608-452-3472 All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Daniel Sedlacek and St. Charles Parish in Genoa for a profound spiritual journey through Italy as we celebrate the Jubilee Year and honor our patron St. Charles Borromeo. This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith while visiting sacred Catholic sites in Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Milan, Arona, and more. Special highlights include the Diaconate Ordination of Kyle Lang of the Diocese of La Crosse at St. Peter's Basilica, walking through the Holy Doors, praying at the tombs of the Saints, and much more! You can view the itinerary by scanning the QR code. Cost: \$6,277.00

Registration Open: "Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally

You are invited to join faithful from across the diocese on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire for a new opportunity to pause, reflect and renew our embrace of the gift of the Eucharist, as Jesus continues to give us His body and blood, strengthening us through life's joy, sorrows and challenges. The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this time to remember how much you need Jesus - and that He is Still the Answer for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world. Visit diolc.org/still-the-answer for further details and to register.



The Activity Corner will be in the printed version during Lent for all the young and the *young at heart!*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- 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



SPAGHETTI & PASTA DINNER

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COON VALLEY WI

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

from 4 pm – 7 pm

\$12 adults \$5 kids under 12

Children under 3 free

Plate of spaghetti or pasta (gluten free rotini available) with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk, or water. Ice cream for dessert.

Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Carry-outs will be available.

GRIEF SHARE[®]

You are not alone



Grief is a journey. It can often feel like you're walking alone in the dark or caught forever standing in a fog. No matter how long it has been since losing a loved one, grief can greatly affect your life, (spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, mentally, financially, etc.).

Grief Share is a 13-week support program, being hosted jointly by the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Mary's Parishes. Here you will hear insights from grief experts, meet others who understand what you're going through and learn how to navigate your grief. Participants can share as much or little as they are comfortable. Topics to be discussed include anger, regret, loneliness, sadness, friendships, questions for God, feeling overwhelmed, selfcare and more. Please join us for Grief Share, where you can find comfort, strength, and hope! All are welcome.

When: Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm
April 1st through June 24th, 2025

Where: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
400 Congress Ave.
Viroqua, WI 54665

Facilitators: Janet Olmstead, GC-C
Deacon Anthony Shay, Ed. D, LPC, CRC

Registration Fee: \$20.00

To register sign up in the back of the church, call the number below, use the email below, or sign up on the GriefShare website. If you have questions, contact the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish office at 608-637-7711, email their office at: stmaryparish@mwt.net, or go to the website at www.griefshare.org.