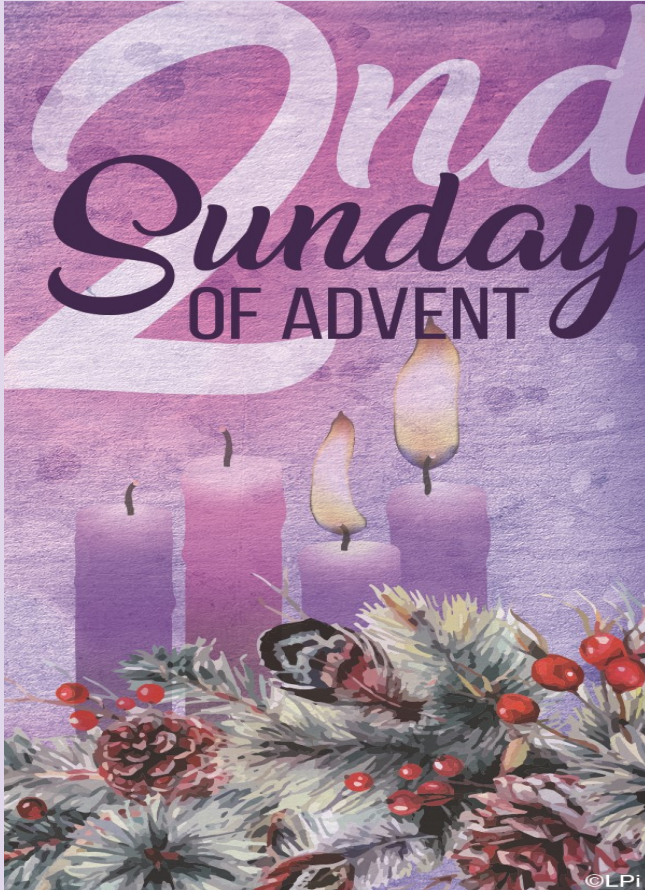


St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay



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Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

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December 08, 2024

Readings: 482C

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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

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
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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.

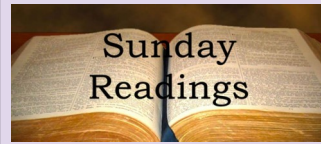
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

Second Sunday of Advent



December 08, 2024
 1) Baruch 5:1-9
 2) Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 3) Luke 3:1-6

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, December 07

Second Sunday of Advent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Willard and Mina Kubal
 -5:00-5:30am Adoration
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, December 08

Second Sunday of Advent

-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

THURSDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

SATURDAY, December 14

Second 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

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg



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 7/8** ~ Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- **Dec 9** ~ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass in Viroqua at 12:10 PM (not a Holy Day of Obligation)
- **Dec 14** ~ Choir rehearsal 2:45 PM for Christmas Eve - All voices welcome!
- **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** ~ Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
- **Dec 25** ~ Midnight Christmas Mass 12:00 AM
- **Dec 31– Jan 7** ~ Fr. Joe away at FOCUS conference, no daily Mass
- **Jan 5** ~ Rel. Ed, after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua

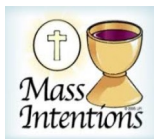


Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19. Feb open except 23.

Open Weekdays: Dec 25, 26, & 31. All Jan weekdays are available. Feb open except the 6th.



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 parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 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

\$1,716.00 Received as of week 1

(\$8,284.00) Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week			
			12/1/2024
Adult Env(37)	\$1435.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	281.00	Received This Week	\$1,716.00
Total	\$1,716.00	Running total needed	\$96,000.00
		YTD Received	\$79,933.75
X-Mass Flower	\$375.00	Difference	(16,066.25)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Before I get to this week's business-oriented note, let me just point out that you're wonderful. The Lord really meant what He was doing when He put you on this earth, and He is very in love with you. That's important, don't forget it. With that most important point clearly in mind, let me share some scheduling business with you, because we have a few out of the ordinary things coming up.

First, regarding the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (December 8, typically today if you're reading this on Sunday). This is a big day in the life of the Church, A) celebrating the moment God prepared a new temple (Mary) for His Son (Jesus Christ, also God) to enter into the world, and B) since Mary the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. Ordinarily this is a holy day of obligation (meaning we've got to get to Mass), but since it falls on Sunday this year the day transfers to December 9 (Monday) and the obligation is dispensed (meaning you're not required to go). I still highly encourage you to get to Mass on Monday if you are able – for our part we will have a *12:10 Mass in Viroqua*.

Second, let's have a drumroll for the **Christmas schedule** this year. With Christmas on a Wednesday this year (which makes my life much selfishly easier than last year's Monday), we will have a *4:00 Mass in Coon Valley* and a *6:30 Mass in Viroqua* on Christmas Eve, then a few hours later a *Midnight Mass in Coon Valley* (don't ask what time, it'll be at Midnight), and finally a *10:30 Mass in Viroqua*.

Third, regarding **confessions and adoration**. We continue what we started last week with *daily adoration* – you can find the schedule in the bulletin here. Thank you to everyone who came out in the chilly weather to pray, from our 6:00 early birds to our lunch crowd to our night owls – I'm excited about this one! If you'd like to join us for some time with the Lord there's plenty of Advent left! As far as confession goes, I point you to our regular confession schedule on the weekends and Wednesday evenings, as well as the *Cathedral's all-day confess-a-thon on December 16* from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Bonus for that one – if you don't like the idea of going to confession with me there's a fighting chance it'll be some priest you've never met before. For good measure let's add confession into those Tuesday lunchtime adoration slots through Advent – I'll be in the box at the back of church if anyone needs, next to the choir loft stairs.

That's it for today. God bless you, and may you have a powerfully fruitful Advent,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Christmas Choir—All Welcome



Singers from St. Mary's, Coon Valley are invited to join together in the choir to sing for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00, on December 24.

A practice will be held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14 at 2:45. Please come and sing praises to our Lord.

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, teething, 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 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

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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 21,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Something for Seniors Donations

Something For Seniors is like Toys For Tots, but Christmas gifts are collected and given to our seniors in local healthcare and assisted living facilities. Crafts, puzzles, body care products, and socks are just a few ideas for donation items. **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!

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 also extras located at the church entrances.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Rorate Caeli Mass - Dec 14

6:30 a.m. December 14, 2024. The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse will be offering a candlelight Rorate Caeli Mass, an ancient Marian tradition during the season of Advent on December 14, 2024, at 6:30 am. Cardinal Burke will preach the homily at this liturgy. More information at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale - Dec 14

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

Holy Trinity Cookie Walk Saturday, December 14, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 (need not be present to win).

ATTENTION CRAFTERS - there are still some tables available for crafters to rent during on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at htstannes@gmail.com for information!!

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.

Winter Labyrinth Walk (in-person) - Dec 18

Drop in any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. In the days leading up to the Winter Solstice, you are invited to walk the FSC's indoor canvas labyrinth. This is a silent, self-guided meditation. A labyrinth is a single path that has been used as a walking meditation for prayer and reflection since ancient times. For many, it is symbolic of a pilgrimage and can help bring about clarity, peace and healing. Plan on at least a half-hour, but you are welcome to spend as much time walking and reflecting on the experience as you like. For those new to the labyrinth, we'll provide a brief introduction.

Note: If you would like to bring younger children to experience the labyrinth, we ask that you visit between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Freewill offering Registration is appreciated but not required.

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,

Diocesan/Local Announcement continued

“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.

Activity Corner

Immaculate Conception Word-Find

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See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

This year, December 9th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- Those 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 and Gaza 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



ST MARY'S
CRAFT
Show

DECEMBER 7, 2024 | 8 AM - 2PM

COON VALLEY VILLAGE HALL
108 ROOSEVELT ST, COON VALLEY, WI

A Seasonal Tradition for 23 Years
Crafts and Baked Goods of all kinds
Concession counter opens at 8 AM
Free Admission

More info contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 and/or e-mail
Peters@mwt.net or St. Mary's at 608-452-3841 or
visit stmarycv.org and click on "Craft Show" Tab

Tables available for crafters \$30 before Nov. 1st, \$35 after Nov. 1st
(tables provided)

