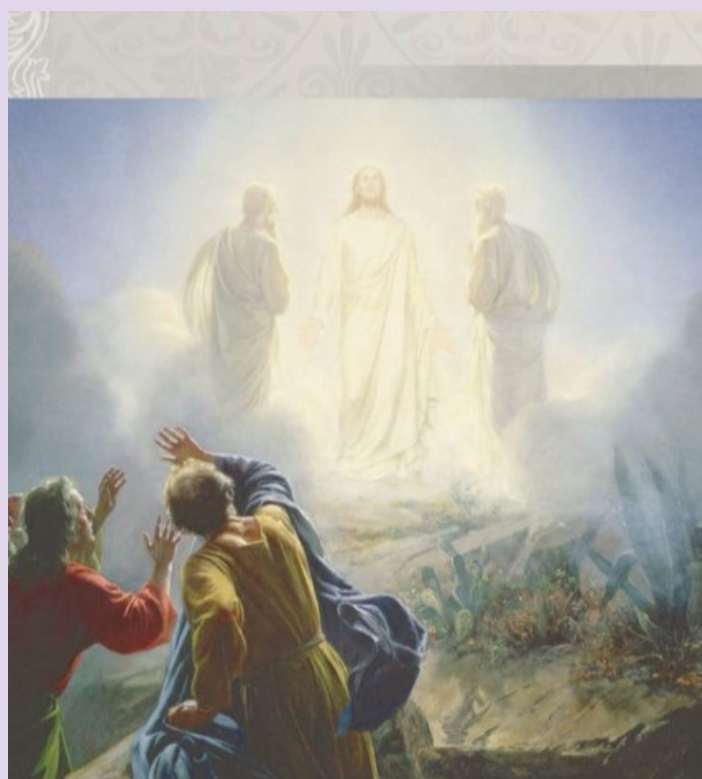


St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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Parish Phone: 608-452-3841
Website: www.stmarycv.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



2nd Sunday
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

March 16, 2025

Readings: 507C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

Rectory:.....400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665

Cell Phone:608-606-9787

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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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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

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Bridget Goodwin.....bladams50@gmail.com

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

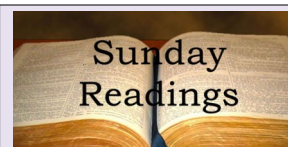
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and
Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

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 16, 2025

- 1) *Genesis 15:5-12*
- 2) *Philippians 3:17-4*
- 3) *Luke 9:28b*

Intentions / Schedule

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

TUESDAY, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross
 - approx. 5:45 pm Communion Service
 Fr. Joe will celebrate a private Mass for Pam Seelow and
 Derek Stafslie who were both born on this day.

THURSDAY, March 20

Weekday/First Day of Spring

- 8:00am Mass - † Fr. Lyle Schulte

SATURDAY, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Tyler Turben
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, March 23

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-8:00am Mass - † Members of the Roskos and Roningen
 Family (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

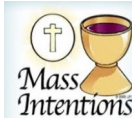
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Mar 16** ~ There **will not be** a Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass today—Contact Bridget Goodwin regarding the alternate activity
 ~ 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
 ~ 5:45 PM Communion Service offered by Deacon Richards, no Mass as Fr. Joe has a Diocesan Event this day.
- **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 Dinner** 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
- **Apr 6** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua

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 stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of March 14, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$54,501.50
THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,941.00	Received as of week 2
(\$6,059.00)	Difference for the Month

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

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 03/14/2025	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		

Giving Last Week		3/9/2025	
Adult Env(29)	\$1,455.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	304.00	Received This Week	\$2,131.00
Ash Wed (11)	240.00	Running total needed	\$20,000.00
Ash Wed Offer	<u>\$132.00</u>	YTD Received	\$17,124.00
Total	\$2,131.00	Difference	(2,876.00)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

In just a few days (March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman), we've got the anniversary of Bishop Battersby's announcement as our new bishop. Right around 6:02 AM I got a flurry of texts (I think starting with Msgr. Kachel), saying something like "did you hear the news?" Since I usually wait until at least 6:05 to check the news I responded that no, I hadn't, then pulled up the announcement, along with the note that there was a press conference coming up later that morning in La Crosse introducing the new boss. I promptly cancelled an appointment (I can't remember who it was with – I apologize if it was you) and jumped in my car to go meet him. You've maybe heard Bishop Battersby speak by now, in which case you've heard his comforting extemporaneous style, but at the end of his address he really hit the nail on the head when he looked out at the priests and curia gathered together and let us know in clear terms, "I am not the bishop you need me to be. If you want me to be the bishop you need, you'll need to pray and fast for me."

Over the next few months, after preliminary listening to his priests and people and perceiving a general fatigue and heaviness across our parishes and presbyterate (the group of priests), Bishop Battersby proceeded to develop and implement a three stage plan for Diocesan renewal, starting with growing a relationship with his priests (last year through Lent this year), then with his people (Easter through Advent), then fostering a deeper relationship amongst his people and their priests (Advent through Pentecost 2026). One tangible moment I want to invite you to is coming up in just a week and a half here – a **Mass of Reparation on March 27 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral**. By my friend Fr. Sakowski's announcement about this event,

"What is this day about? We will precede the Mass with prayers seeking reparation for any and all grave harm perpetrated in our diocese during our 157 year history, including harm caused by our priests and bishops. None of us can undo that harm, but we can call on Jesus to remove the barriers to his love that we have imposed, with confidence that he is eager to unleash the fire of his love throughout our diocese. With humility and repentance, we give him full permission to do what only he can do."

You are welcome to join myself and my brother priests for this moment of prayer walking together toward restoration and healing under our Bishop's leadership. In the meantime, please pray for this whole process to play out under the Holy Spirit's guidance. He has a plan for His Church, and I am grateful and (with trepidation) excited to participate in it with you. 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.



Parish Family,

If you are interested in participating in a parish-wide (non-monetary) birthday gift for Father Joe in April, please get into contact with Carly Zadow, either after Sunday Masses, or at 608-792-4872 / zadow2021@gmail.com.



PCCW Announcements

- ⇒ **THANK YOU** - The PCCW would like to thank the Berg family for their donation of \$450 to the PCCW in memory of Bryan Berg.
- ⇒ **Special Collection** - There will be a second collection at the April 26/27 masses by PCCW members. Donations will help the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women with the many programs they sponsor. This is a yearly collection. Please be generous with your donation.
- ⇒ Our **next PCCW meeting** will be April 7th at 5:30PM.

Grief Share

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 2-4 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 (or if you have questions), contact the Viroqua church office at 608-637-7711, email stmaryparish@mwtnet.net, or go to the website at www.griefshare.org

Birtheright Baby Bottle Campaign

Birtheright offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birtheright'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 Birtheright*. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.



Parish Announcements continued

Save the Date—PCCW Spring Luncheon

The annual luncheon will be on April 26, 2025. Mark your calendars.

CRS RICE BOWL'S - 50th Anniversary!

You Can Help CRS Rice Bowl this Lent in Working to End World Hunger Millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, especially with the current precarious state of U.S. international aid. At such a critical time, let us answer Jesus' invitation to love our neighbor in need. Please share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent by giving to Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl initiative. Donate now through your parish rice bowl campaign or through the donation link at diolc.org/social-concerns

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.

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!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

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 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!

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.

15th Annual Meatball and Lefse Supper - Apr 26

Lower CV Lutheran Church is hosting their annual supper on Saturday, April 16 from 4-7:30 PM. Cost is \$15, Kids 6-12 \$10 and 5 and under free. Menu: Meatballs and gravy, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans, various desserts, coffee and mild. Carry outs available. Pick up some extra goodies from the bake sale. For info contact Teresa at 608-483-2612

The Activity Corner will be as an insert in the printed version of the bulletin during Lent, for 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.