

St. Mary Parish

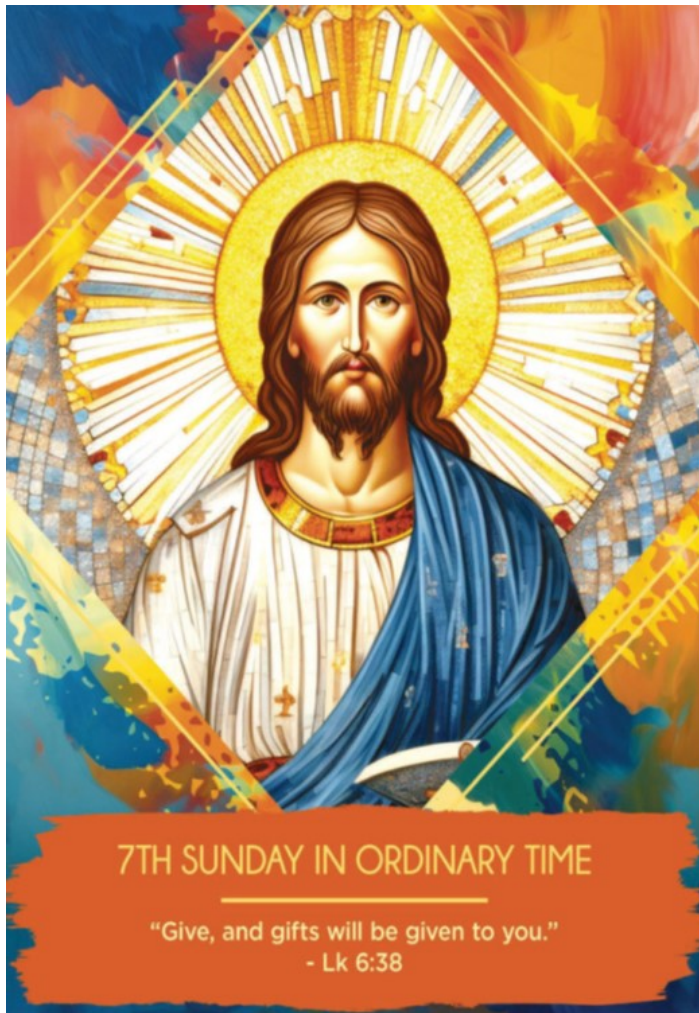
Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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February 23, 2025

Readings: 598C

PASTOR

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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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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.

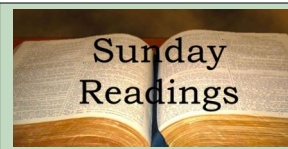
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 23, 2025
 1) I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13
 2) I Corinthians 15:45-49
 3) Luke 6:27-38

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, February 22

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Edward Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, February 23

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Bob and Leona Welsh
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, February 25

Weekday

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - † Leon Janssen

THURSDAY, February 27

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, March 01

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, March 02

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Feb 22/23** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Feb 24** ~ Men's Club Meeting at 6:00 PM
- **Mar 2** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua

Mar 5 ~ Ash Wednesday



7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua
 12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua
5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley

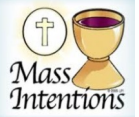
- **Mar 9** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 11** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
 ~ Parish Social after Mass sponsored by the PCCW St. Rose Guild
 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 18** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: May 25, Jun 1, 14 or 15, 22, & 29. Jul 6, 13, 19, 20, & 27

Open Weekdays: Mar 11, 13, 25, & 27. Apr 1, 3, & 29. May 1, 13, 20, & 22. Jun 3, 12, 17, 24 & 26.



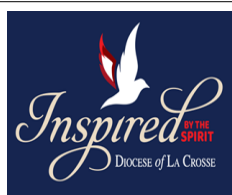
Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.

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.



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,998.00	Received as of week 3
(\$3,002.00) Difference for the Month	



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!

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		

Giving Last Week		2/16/2025	
Adult Env(28)	\$1,115.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	100.00	Received This Week	\$1,195.00
CathLife Mag(4)	\$80.00	Running total needed	\$14,000.00
Total	\$1,195.00	YTD Received	\$11,501.00
		Difference	(2,499.00)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

For the past few weeks my lungs have had a hearty coating of sawdust keeping various other contagions at bay (yes, I exercise dust management, but that really only goes so far). I've been sanding away at, chiseling, and shaping the original corpus (body) from St. Mary Viroqua's crucifix, a six-foot tall statue with (past tense) a bit of mouse damage and some of the mildew that comes with deeply aged wood. If you've been around Viroqua for the last few weeks (and the last few years of leadup), you may recall hearing that this last week we began our 2025 renovation, and my part in that is getting the restored crucifix ready to go.

For the sake of backtracking and letting you in on a thing that's important to your priest, when I was at Mundelein down in Chicago I took full advantage of the seminary woodshop. My old man is a tradesman by original profession, having supported our family as a general contractor when we were still out in California, carrying on the family business he had first inherited from his own father (who, coincidentally, spent a good bit of time building churches in the mid-1900's churchbuilding boom). From time to time my dad would bring us out to the jobsite, and maybe since then I've always had an appreciation for folks that have some grime under their fingernails. Anyhow, starting as a kid and during my time in that Mundelein shop I've found the process of woodworking to be remarkably cathartic, rejuvenating. Wood generally does exactly what you tell it to do, which puts the responsibility squarely on the woodworker to tell it to do the right thing. It moves, it breathes, even decades after it's cut down and processed. One wrong smack with a chisel can ruin days' worth of work, and even the work of repairing that kind of damage adds remarkable character and narrative to the end product.

It's been strange working on this old corpus. After practicing away at woodworking for a decade now, I get to apply those same strokes and cuts I've been learning on a fixture of this liturgical home. The strange part of all this is the hunching over Jesus' face and feet and kneecaps, feeling like I need to apologize to Him for trimming up the crown of thorns, drawing out that sprained ankle or beat-up nose. Just as strange was cutting off half His hand where the mice had done their most effective work, carving down a new block and shaping new fingers to reflect those hands that worked the same miracles we hear about in the Gospels. The fact that Jesus has a Face, that He looks at you and me face to face, His simple realism is resonating.

Anyway, all that's to say that I'm glad that I get to encounter Christ with you and in you, to witness you encountering Him face to face. He loves you, He delights in you, and He is so remarkably glad to be a part of your story. God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins next weekend

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The campaign begins this weekend of February 22-23, 2025 and will conclude the weekend of March 22-23, 2025.

The bottles/envelopes will be available to take home Saturday, February 22, 2025, and Sunday, February 23, 2025. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday March 23, 2025. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

Old Palm Collection for Ash Wednesday

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we have begun the process of collecting old palms. Please bring in your old palms from last Palm Sunday or beyond and place them in the container located in the back of the church. Fr. Joe will burn the palms, creating the ash that will be distributed on Ash Wednesday.



A Minute with Jesus

We need God's help to believe

The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is Jesus' Body and Blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully because this mystery is of God, Who is infinite.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1Corinthians 11:23-26

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Pancake Breakfast - Mar 2

At the Coon Valley Lutheran Church on March 2, 2025 serving from 8 AM to noon. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, and 5 and under free. All are welcome to attend!

Cabin Feverfest - Mar 2

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Middle Ridge (Rockland) is holding their annual Euchre tournament and Soup Luncheon on Sunday March 2nd. Doors open at 12:00 noon and card games will begin at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and entry into the tournament. Call the parish office at 608-452-4680 with any questions.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Healing Service - Mar 3

You are invited to a Healing Service on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cashton, WI. This special evening offers an opportunity to experience God's grace through prayer, worship, and individual prayer ministry. All are welcome to attend. 4:30 PM: Adoration and Confession 5:30 PM: Mass 6:00 PM: Corporate Prayer for Healing, 7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers) 9:00 PM: Closing. Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate. For more information, call Sara Clements at 608.385.5283

Fish Fry at St. Charles, Genoa – Mar 7, 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!

Men of the Cross “Freedom in Forgiveness” - Mar 8

Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us. Please consider attending Men of the Cross: “Freedom in Forgiveness”

Who: All men (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.) **When:** March 8, 2025. **Where:** Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, La Crosse, WI. **Cost:** \$30 per person (includes lunch!) **Registration:** menofthecross.org **Speakers:** Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby

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.

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>

**DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM DO TO YOU.**

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



Activity Corner

David and King Saul Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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