

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

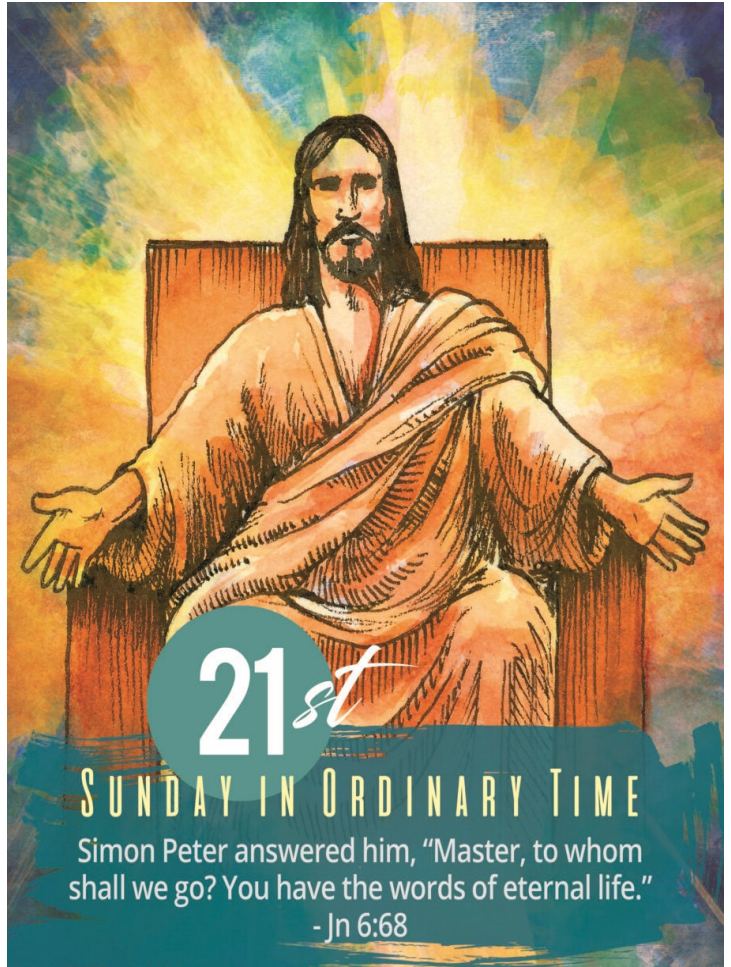
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024

Readings: 639B



PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

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

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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: ..Wednesdays - 5:15 PM & Fridays - 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: Please 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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

August 24, 2024

- 1) Joshua 24:1-2a 15-17; 2) Ephesians 5:21-32;
3) John 6:60-69

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 24

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Edwin and Anna Sedevie
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, August 25

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Betty Callan
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, August 27

St. Monica

- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - All Roskos and Roningen Families
(living and deceased)

THURSDAY, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 8:00am Mass - For the People

SATURDAY, August 31

Twenty-second Sunday

-4:00pm Mass - Parish Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

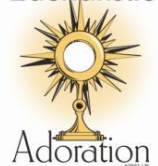
SUNDAY, September 01

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Reinhold and Darlene Kammel
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Eucharistic



Tuesday evenings at 4:30 PM
concluding shortly before the
5:15 PM Mass time.



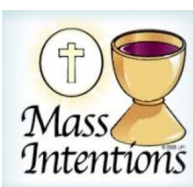
CONFESSIONS
Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 26** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Aug 28-Sep 5** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **Sep 5** ~ Joint Pastoral Council Meeting here with Viroqua, 5:00 PM
- **Sep 8** ~ Religious Education Parent Meeting after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua ***UPATED place and time****
- **Sep 15** ~ Pat Kammel's Celebration of Life at Leo and Leona's, 1-4 PM

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.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 31; Sep 29. Oct-full. Nov 16 or 17, & 24.

Open Weekdays: Aug 29. Sep 5, 17, & 19. Oct 1, 17 & 29. Nov 5, 7, 14, 19, 21, & 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 parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of August 7, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$45,419.50
THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,994.01	Received as of week 3
(\$3,005.99)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		8/18/2024	
Adult Env(28)	\$960.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	227.00	Received This Week	\$1,429.01
Assum. Env(7)	125.00	Running total needed	\$66,000.00
Assum. Offer	55.00	YTD Received	\$55,171.75
Votives	\$62.10	Difference	(10,828.25)
Total	\$1,429.01		
Mission Coop	\$160.00	Food Pantry	\$106.00



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

From the Pastor

Hello friends!

I have some Coon Valley-specific business for you this weekend. The short version of what I have to say is that, as of August 1, Saint Mary's in Coon Valley has switched from the La Crosse Deanery to the Richland Center Deanery. If you're satisfied with that news, feel free to skip the next paragraph to get to the practicals at the end. If you'd like some explanation (for instance in answer to the question "what's a deanery?"), stick with me.

You are perhaps familiar with how a diocese works. A geographic boundary is defined – our own Diocese of La Crosse covers everything West of the Wisconsin River and very roughly South of Highway 29 – and placed under the responsibility and shepherding of a specific Bishop. The last part there is more important than it might seem – what ultimately gives the Catholic Church any right to say anything about anything is that Bishop Battersby didn't pop up out of the ground or sheer force of charisma – he was made bishop by a guy who was made bishop by a guy who was made bishop by Jesus. The whole Church is structured into these geographic pockets (local churches) entrusted to a direct successor to the original Apostles. The Diocese is further subdivided into a number of Deaneries, usually split up by county (or counties) and composed of anything from three to ten Pastors and their parishes. This subdivision is meant to help the Bishop in his own administration of the church placed under his care. Each deanery has a Dean (a nominated Pastor) acting as a middle manager of sorts to relay the Bishop's efforts and messaging and also to offer parishes a sounding board back up to the top. Anyway. A few decades ago, Saint Mary's switched from Richland Center Deanery (Richland and Vernon Counties) to the La Crosse Deanery under Fr. Doerre, which has served us well. Now a number of factors have led us to switch St. Mary's back to its original deanery.

What does this practically mean? First, I have one fewer quarterly meeting to attend (but that's not a good thing, as I enjoyed those lunches). What impacts us more is that we are now relieved of a monthly subsidy to the Aquinas School System to the tune of roughly \$580. The Pastoral and Finance Councils started discussing the possibility of this change about a year ago, taking these factors (my sanity, cooperation between parishes, and our bottom line) into account. The Finance Council has a very specific idea in mind for the funds we've been directing to that subsidy – establishing an account specifically for capital improvements to our Parish grounds. We've been tackling a number of these projects recently (sidewalks, gutters, roofing, etc.) to sustain and rejuvenate our well-seasoned parish, and I hope this will add another layer of security and longevity to this beautiful church!

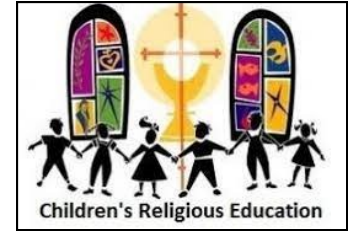
God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Religious Education

Our informational parent meeting to set Family of Faith expectations and provide materials will be held on **Sept 8 in Viroqua Marian Hall**, after the 10:30am Mass; safe environment training will be provided at noon. A second Safe Environment training will be here in Coon Valley after the 8 AM Mass on October 20th.



We are planning our Family of Faith activities for the upcoming season to start in October (1st Sunday in Viroqua and 3rd Sunday in Coon Valley) with this year's theme: The Sacraments.

Little Rock Scripture Study

We will tackle The Gospel of Luke, which is handled in two parts — six sessions of Part 1 will run between Oct. 10 and Nov. 21 and Part 2 will pick up in the New Year. This year we will offer both Thursday evening and Friday morning meeting times to fit into different schedules. If you'd like to join us, or have questions, please contact Melanie Halvorson (melhalvor@gmail.com or 312-315-9048) or sign-up on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Franciscan Mission Coop Update

We have raised \$939.00 thus far. This is the last weekend to contribute. Information on the Franciscan Missions and envelopes in the back of church.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Job Opportunity—Diocese of La Crosse

Accounting Services Professional - Please go to [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) and search for "Diocese of La Crosse".

Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday, September 14th we raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. **Register by Monday August 26th** at ProLifeWI.org/gala or call our office at 262-796-1111.

Healing Service and Mass, Monday, Sept 9th 4:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a special Healing Service and Mass at Sacred Heart in Cashton. This is an opportunity for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through prayer and the sacraments.

Location: Sacred Heart Church - Cashton

4:30 PM: Adoration (Praise/Worship, Rosary, Confessions)

5:30 PM: Holy Mass

6:00 PM: Group Prayer for Healing

7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry

Please come and experience the healing power of Christ.

Jesus Promised: "These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." - Mark 16:17

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served.



Come and See! All women are welcome to attend **Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture!** This is NOT a physical exercise of the body. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at **St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.** Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more information.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference - Oct 18-19

Please consider joining us for a wonderful weekend of prayer and spirituality at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe's role as Mother of the church and the Queen of the Americas Guild. For information call 630-584-1822 or visit: queenoftheamericasguild.org. Fly and brochures are in the back of the church.

Casa Hogar Volunteers Needed

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, our orphanage in Lurin, Peru, is looking for volunteers to work with the families, visitors, and, best of all, the children at the orphanage. If you are interested, please go to www.homeajpm.org/volunteer

Retrouvaille: Healing Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (French for “Rediscovery”) is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information, call 1.877.922.HOPE (4673) or visit website: HelpOurMarriage.org. Fully Confidential and affordable.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples

Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563.920.9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein, IA. Call Denise & Greg for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

Registration forms and info located in the back of the church.

You are invited to:

Every Life Is Precious

The 2024 Fall Birthright Regional Conference

Hosted by Birthright of La Crosse, Wisconsin

CONFERENCE EVENTS: Saturday, Sept. 14

- Place: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Wagener Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd. South, La Crosse, WI.

Activity Corner

The Apostles Stay with Jesus

Word Puzzle

John 6:60-69

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.
Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus said to the

_____ ³ _____ [EVL TWE],

"Do _____ ⁵ _____ [UOY] also wish to go away?"

_____ ¹¹ _____ [NM IOS] Peter

_____ ¹² _____ [WSNAREED]

_____ ¹ _____ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

_____ ¹⁰ _____ [OG]? _____ ⁴ _____ [OUY] have the

_____ ⁸ _____ [DRWOS] of

_____ ⁶ _____ [TEENRLA]

_____ ⁹ _____ [FLIE]; and we have

_____ ⁷ _____ [VEEBILDE] and

have _____ ² _____ [MCOE] to know that you are the



1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12

Answers: twelve, you, Simon, answered, him, go, you, words, eternal, life, believe, come, Holy one of God.

The Words of Eternal Life

John 6:60-69

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

