

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

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October 6, 2024

Readings: 657B



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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

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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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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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

October 6, 2024

- 1) Genesis 2:18-24; 2) Hebrews 2:9-11;
3) Mark 10:2-16

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 5

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Arlene Seichter
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, October 6

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Olaf and Alice Haugen
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, October 8

Weekday

- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - † Eric "Rick" Logemann

THURSDAY, October 10

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Arlene Seichter

SATURDAY, October 12

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Marlis Urbanek
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters


SUNDAY, October 13

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Norbert and Arlene Seichter
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

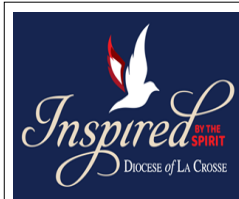
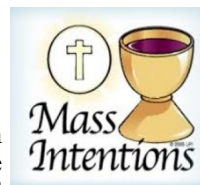
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Oct 06** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Oct 10** ~ Little Rock Scripture Study begins 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Viroqua Marian Hall
- **Oct 11** ~ Little Rock Scripture Study optional time 9:00 to 10:30 AM in Viroqua Marian Hall
- **Oct 13** ~ ***Our Annual Pancake Breakfast***
Serving 7:30 AM to Noon
- **Oct 15** ~ Advanced Care Planning Workshop 3-5:00 PM
- **Oct 17** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 20** ~ Religious Education Safe Environment Training here after the 8 AM Mass
~ Parish Social after Mass, all are welcome to stop down the basement for food and fellowship (no cost event)
- **Oct 26** ~  Wedding of Kelsey Brahmstadt and Greg Minter
- **Oct 27** ~ Advanced Care Planning Workshop in Viroqua from noon to 2:00PM

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct-full. Nov-full. Dec. 15. Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19.

Open Weekdays: Oct 29. Nov 5, 7, 21, & 26. Dec 3, 17, 25, 26, & 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 parish office at stmarysev@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of September 6, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$46,344.50
THANK YOU!

Eucharistic



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



Needed last Month

\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$8,960.00	Received as of week 5
(\$1,040.00)	Difference for the Month



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

Giving Last Week		9/29/2024	
Adult Env(21)	\$1,505.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	164.00	Received This Week	\$1,840.00
PCB (8)	135.00	Running total needed	\$78,000.00
Votives	36.00	YTD Received	\$65,020.75
Total	\$1,840.00	Difference	(12,979.25)
Food Pantry	\$21.00		



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

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

As a little glimpse behind the liturgical curtains, right before each weekend Mass I lead the ministers in a little prayer to get ready for what's about to happen. With occasional variation it goes something like "Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the opportunity to celebrate this Mass, please help us to celebrate it worthily and well as if it were our first Mass, our last Mass, our only Mass. Guardian Angels, open our ears to hear the Lord's Word, help us to encounter Him in His Body and in His Blood." Then it's off to the races. This prayer calls out a few things – let's break them open a bit.

First, there's a significance to each and every Mass you and I pray. It can be easy when I'm at Mass every Saturday night or Thursday morning or every single day to become numb to the power of living out that Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice on the cross every time I go to Mass. It helps to remember that "first Mass, last Mass, only Mass."

Second, there is no such thing as a passive recipient in the Mass – in a sense I'm either there for it or I'm not. I may be distracted by a conversation earlier in the day, I may be chasing a kid down a side aisle, I may be fully locked in and oblivious to everything except what's going on in the sanctuary – all of these are powerful manifestations of the reality that the Mass draws in all of me and all of you, not just the tidy and organized parts. It's not the priest's work and it's not your work – it's the Lord doing His work through our work.

Third, our being here for Mass – our openness to God's Word and Body and Blood – brings about personal change and growth. 98% of the time I probably won't recognize the change while it's happening, but regular active participation in the Mass compounds to lasting change. It's kind of like exercise (or rather, exercise is like going to Mass) – as you and I spend more time and energy and intention we grow more into who God makes us to be.

Finally, you are not alone here, even if it's just you and the priest in the church together. Over the last week we've had two days celebrating angels – on Saturday last weekend the Feast of the Archangels, on Wednesday the Memorial of Guardian Angels. The Guardian Angel part of that prayer is important – you and I each have a Guardian Angel who protects and supports us but even more who draws our gaze to God. It's worth giving your Guardian Angel permission to help you receive God's grace at each Mass – a little prayer under your breath like "Guardian Angel, help me to pray well in this Mass, to encounter the Lord in His Word and in His Body and Blood," as things get started might take you a long way.

God bless you, Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements



Our Annual Pancake Breakfast NEXT SUNDAY - October 13

Bake Sale Items Needed

The ladies of the parish are all asked to donate \$15 worth of baked goods/garden produce to be sold at the pancake breakfast. If you are unable to bring baked goods/garden produce a \$15 cash donation is acceptable.

Sign up to Work

Get the shift and job you want by signing up early, sheet is posted in the back of the church.

Spread the word and Invite Everyone

Extra flyers in the back of the church. Please help spread awareness of our event by posting them (with permission) in the community (such as the grocery store, bank, phone company, etc.) or your own business, and of course, invite everyone you know.

Donate

As in past years, we are requesting at least a \$20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Remaining envelopes have been mailed. 44 of 111 families have donated as of 10/4/24. Thanks for your support.

Rosary Before Mass in October

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bob Kerska and Karen Callen will be leading the rosary 20 minutes before the weekend masses. All are welcome to come early and join us.



Advance Care Planning Workshops

If you could not speak for yourself, who would you want to make medical decisions for you? What would you want this person to know about your healthcare goals and values? Life is so unpredictable. We never know when an illness or injury will occur. That is why it is extremely important to write your wishes down.

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows you to designate a person to make your healthcare decisions, **only if you cannot make them yourself!** It also allows you to include specific treatment preferences and instructions for your care. In collaboration, St. Mary's and The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches will host two free Advance Care Planning Workshops. These workshops will address Catholic beliefs, treatment options and assist you in creating or updating your own Advance Care Plan.

Date: October 15th, 2024

Time: 3-5 pm

Location: St. Mary Parish

900 Central Avenue, Coon Valley, Wisconsin

Date: October 27th, 2024

Time: 12-2 pm

Location: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin

Pre-registration is encouraged by signing up in the back of the church or by calling either parish at 608-452-3841 (St. Mary) or 608-637-7711 (Annunciation). You may also register by email to StMaryformation@mwt.net. Please leave your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Parish Announcements continued

Parish Socials - Oct/Nov/Dec

A Parish Social will be held after the 8AM masses on Oct 20 by St. Cecelia Guild, Nov 17 by St. Rose Guild and Dec 15 by St. Theresa Guild. **There is no charge to eat at the socials so plan on stopping down after mass to visit with other parishioners.**

Religious Education

Safe Environment training will be here in Coon Valley after the 8 AM Mass on October 20th. For more information please visit our website at: www.stmaryscv.org/religious-education

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. Contact Melanie Halvorson (melhalvor@gmail.com or 312-315-9048) or sign-up on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

57th Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 9

St. Peters Catholic Church, Hwy 33, Middle Ridge, October 9th, 4:00—7:30 pm (or until sold out). Dig into a hearty meal of kraut & pork, Polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Save room for our delicious homemade pies, and don't miss the beverage tent, bake sale, and raffles. Whether you dine in or carry out, it's a feast you won't want to miss! When: Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 4pm-7:30pm Where: St Peters Church, Rockland, WI Cost: \$15

Blood Drive - Oct 14

St. Joseph Ridge ~ Monday, October 14 1-6:00 pm. Have you ever donated blood? If you have or if you have thought about donating, you have the opportunity on Monday, October 14 at the Town of Greenfield town hall. You can make an appointment on the Versiti website (versiti.org/wi) or call 877-232-4376 or you can stop in on the 14th. Please consider. There is a great need!

White Mass and Banquet – Oct 18

Honor Catholic Healthcare Professionals

Keynote Speaker: The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby. "Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of the Mission" How can we be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world? Join Bishop Battersby as he points us to the answer.

SCHEDULE for Friday, October 18

6:00 pm – White Mass Celebrated by Bishop Gerard W. Battersby – Annual celebration in which the faithful honor Catholic healthcare professionals.

7:00 pm – Banquet

7:45 pm – Presentation

LOCATION: Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman | La Crosse

TICKETS: \$25/person \$15/for students

REGISTER at DIOLC.ORG/GOSPELOFLIFE or for more information, contact Christopher Ruff 608-791-0161 or Stephen Pavela, MD 608-788-5052

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference - Oct 18-19

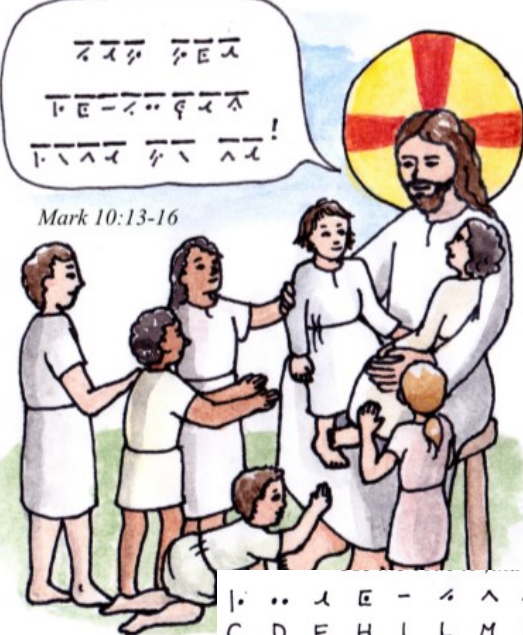
Please consider joining us for a wonderful weekend of prayer

Diocesan/Local Announcement continued

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: queenoftheamericaguild.org. Fly and brochures are in the back of the church.

Would you like to see the Church alive like it was for the apostles at Pentecost? Are you looking for healing in your life? Do you want to feel the love of God the Father or the power of the Holy Spirit? Cathedral is hosting Bart Schuchts for three days of teaching, healing, and mission. **Saturday, Oct 19** is the Day of Equipping where Bart teaches what the Church believes about the Holy Spirit from the Catechism and Bible. This will be a day of encounter with the Holy Spirit and will enliven anyone's faith to be sent out on mission. Whether your daily life consists of teaching, working at the office, being in the home, or anything else the Lord will have something for you! Sessions Include: Inspiration & Vision, Fire & Fullness of Confirmation, Hearing From God, Steps for praying for Healing. Cost is only \$25 and includes lunch, snacks and refreshments.

Activity Corner



What did Jesus say to the apostles when they tried to keep the children away?

Use the code to find out!

Mark 10:13-16

C D E H I L M N O R T

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

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th • 7:30 AM—NOON

\$10.00

PER ADULT

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

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**This year we have added a
new pancake topping bar!**

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter

