

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay



Church Address:

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December 01, 2024

Readings: 479C

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

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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

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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: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.

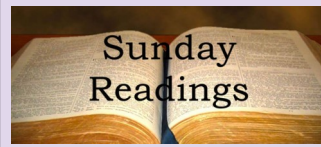
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

First Sunday of Advent



December 01, 2024

- 1) *Jeremiah 33: 14-16*
- 2) *1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2*
- 3) *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, December 01

First Sunday of Advent

-8:00am Mass - † For the People
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, December 03

St. Francis Xavier

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - For the Pastor

THURSDAY, December 05

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - The Fleming Family
 - 8:30-9:00am Adoration

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



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of November 6, 2024
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$49,769.50

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 11/27/2024	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 1** ~ Rel. Ed. after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Dec 6** ~ Crafter Setup/**Baked Goods** drop off 6-8 PM at the Village Hall
- **Dec 7** ~ Our **Annual Craft Show** at the Village Hall from 8 AM to 2 PM
- **Dec 7/8** ~ Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
- **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



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Dec. 15, Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19. Feb open except 23.

Open Weekdays: Dec 25, 26, & 31. 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 last Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,712.00	Received as of week 4
(\$1,288.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week

		11/24/2024	
Adult Env(27)	\$925.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	186.00	Received This Week	\$1,111.00
Total	\$1,111.00	Running total needed	\$94,000.00
		YTD Received	\$78,217.75
X-Mass Flower	\$175.00	Difference	(15,782.25)

From the Pastor

Hello friends, and happy Advent!

Two and a half years ago when I got the phone call asking me to come down to Viroqua and Coon Valley here after already having been reassigned to Wausau for a third year, my pastor Fr. Mark had a remark that stuck with me. "In all my years," he said, "I've never really gotten any traction until my third year. It takes the whole first two years just to get to know people, for them to get to know you, before you can really start getting anything done." I loved the work I was doing and the students I was working with in the High School – the chance to introduce these young men and women to Jesus Christ. Several families and I had put in the real time and work of establishing meaningful relationships with each other, and those relationships were just starting to bear fruit. I could now see both the top and bottom half of people's faces, which made remembering names much easier. Sure enough, the time and energy I had put into my people and that those people had put into me was ready to bear serious fruit, and there was a real sadness in letting that go. Fr. Mark's comment hit the nail on the head – none of that was wasted investment for myself or my parishioners, but there was some missed opportunity now that our future had an end date on it.

Don't get me wrong – I am not bemoaning that I'm down here in the Driftless instead of Wausau. I love it here, I love you, and I am deeply grateful to be your Pastor. The Holy Spirit has moved in every challenge this role has brought over the last few years, and I am just really curious about the work He's doing in our community right now. I suppose my whole Wausau account is simply to draw attention to the reality that we've already passed that precise feet-wetting mark here. I have an idea of where the Holy Spirit is leading us (into encounter, relationship, and missionary discipleship), but how He's going to do it is constantly unfolding before our eyes. We've got these two years under our belts, and it's been fascinating seeing how He's building on it.

Of course, every year in the Church is also quite similar to the year before – Advent to Christmas, Christmas to Ordinary Time, Ordinary Time to Lent, Lent to Easter, Easter to Ordinary Time. If you pay close enough attention you even notice that the readings aren't new – every three years we repeat the cycle of what we hear at Mass. And that rhythm and routine is no bad thing – prolonged exposure is an opportunity to jump from familiarity into greater and greater depth. It's not novelty that brings meaning to a relationship, but investment. I am very grateful to be your Pastor here and I am very grateful that we're now two and a half years in together to give us a shared footing. Let's pray through this Advent together and see where the Holy Spirit wants to take us next.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

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.

Parish Announcements

ST MARY'S
CRAFT
Show

BIG DAY next
Saturday, Dec. 7th

**Invite you family and
friend and join us!**

8 AM—2 PM

Coon Valley Village Hall

Volunteers

Guild chairpersons will be contacting members to schedule a time they can help out with the craft show.

Calling All BAKERS!

Let your talents shine and create \$15 of baked goods for our bake sale or donate \$15 cash. Customers are usually looking for Christmas cookies or specialty items at this bake sale. It's always helpful if items are marked with the asking price. Please drop off on Friday night, December 6 from 6-8pm or Saturday morning (suggested prices will be posted at drop off).

BBQ Needed

Thanks to all who offered to bring BBQ or bars, please drop off Friday night from 6-8 PM or by 8 AM Saturday.

Advertising

Extra flyers are in the back of church, please help advertise by posting at your place of employment or on a community bulletin board. Thank you!

Quilt Raffle

All tickets have been distributed. Please return your tickets to the parish this weekend (Sunday Dec. 1st) or bring to the Craft Show during Friday night setup or the day of by noon.

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 Contribution Envelopes and Calendars

Calendars are now available in the back of church. Envelopes will be available next weekend for pickup (Dec 7/8).

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Retirement Fund for Religious

You can help. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 21,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving 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!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Healing Service & Mass at Sacred Heart, Cashton:

Date: Monday, December 2, 2024

Schedule: • 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

St. Nicholas Celebration: A Feast of Generosity - Dec 6

Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse. www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295. Join us for a joyous celebration of the beloved saint known for his generosity and kindness. All ages are welcome. We'll hear a story about St. Nicholas' life, learn about the tradition of putting shoes out for him and make festive crafts. We might even be surprised with a visit from St. Nicholas himself! In the spirit of giving that embodies the true meaning of the season, we will take special gifts and treats over to Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse during the last 15 minutes of our time together. Light supper and treats included. Investment: \$20 suggested donation per family

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.

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

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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 the Holy Trinity Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at htstannes@gmail.com for information!!

Activity Corner

The Second Coming Word Puzzle

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are c__ming (5), says __he (14)

Lo__d, (10) when I will f__llfill (9) the
p__omise (6) I made to the __ouse (2) of Israel
and Judah. In tho__e (13) days, in that tim__,
(3) I will raise up for __avid (7) a just shoot; he
shall d__ (8) what is right and jus__ (1) in the
__and.(4) In those days __udah (11) shall be safe
and Jer__salem (12) shall dw__ll (17) secure;
th__s (15) is what they shall __all (16) her:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17



Answer: The Lord our justice.

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)

