

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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June 16, 2024
Readings: 609B



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

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 Stafslien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

June 16, 2024

- 1) Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2) 2 Corinthians 5:6-10;
3) Mark 4:26-34

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, June 15

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4: 00pm Mass - All Roskos and Roningen Families
(living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, June 16

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - Fleming and Ollendick Families
(living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, June 18

Weekday

- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, June 20

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Carol Weber

SATURDAY, June 22

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4: 00pm Mass - † Edward Kerska

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana Lejeune

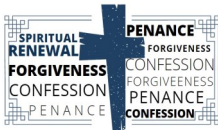
SUNDAY, June 23

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Verna Mae Buhr

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler



CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 06/14/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,985.00	\$12,935.00
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$1,530.00)	(\$1,580.00)
Percent Pledged: 89.46%, Percent Received: 89.11%		
Number Contributing: 30		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, reoccurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

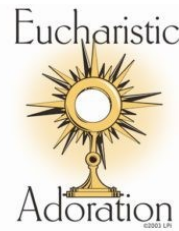
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Jun 16 ~ Father's Day
- Jun 17 ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
Bishop William Callahan's Birthday!
- Jun 20 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- Jun 20-21 ~ Priest Unity Days
- Jun 23-26 ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, No daily Mass
- Jun 25 ~ Dcn. offering *Communion Service* at 5:15 PM
- Jun 27 ~ Fr. Joe's Anniversary of Ordination (2020)
- Jul 01 ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- Jul 18 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- Jul 27 ~ Our Summer Picnic

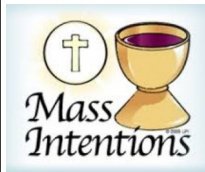


Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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



We are now offering Adoration on **Tuesday evenings at 4:30 PM** concluding shortly before the 5:15 PM Mass time.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 11 & 31; Sep. 1, 14, & 29.

Open Weekdays: Jul 4, 11, & 30; Aug 22 & 29. Sep 5, 17, & 19.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.

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 June 14, 2024

Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00

Payments received: **40,424.50**

THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$2,226.00 Received as of week 2

(\$7,774.00) Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		6/9/2024	
Adult Env(23)	\$710.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$153.00	Received This Week	\$862.00
Total	\$863.00	Running total needed	\$46,000.00
		YTD Received	\$38,794.67
		Difference	(7,205.33)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

If you've been following along with the daily Mass readings (available with a simple Google search "USCCB Mass Readings"), you've been tracking with one of my favorite Old Testament narratives – the story of Elijah the prophet. Incidentally this is also one of my favorite parts of Ordinary Time – these little seasons to enter for a week or two into the stories that combine into the bigger Story of salvation history. The two Books of Samuel and the two Books of Kings focus on the People's transition from Nation (Exodus to Joshua to Judges) to Kingdom (Saul to David through the Babylonian Exile). Samuel is the first big prophet that we see sparking Saul and David along through his self-titled books, then in 1 & 2 Kings we've got a quicker flurry of the next generations of kings and the prophets trying to keep them on the way.

Anyway, this last week we've been diving into Elijah's story in 1 Kings, with his emergency-breaking on the descent into idolatry under Ahab and his persuasive queen Jezebel, then with his flight into exile when "the man" tried to kill him (something to do with killing 450 false prophets), culminating in Friday's reading from 1 Kings 19 – the story of Elijah's cave. Here's Elijah on the run from Ahab and Jezebel for 40 days and 40 nights (there's that number again), seeking refuge on a mountainside and waiting for the Lord to renew and send him back out on mission. While he's in the cave, a raging wind strikes the side of the mountain, but the Lord was not in the wind. Next an earthquake shakes the mountain, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Next a blazing fire crosses the mountain, but the Lord was not in the fire. Finally, Elijah is led out of the cave and hears the Lord speaking to him, not in tumult or violence or busyness, but in a tiny whispering sound.

All of this brings me to a bit of scheduling business. On Corpus Christi Sunday two weeks ago, we concluded Mass in a peculiar fashion – with a few minutes of Eucharistic adoration. This type of prayer – quiet resting with the Lord in the Eucharist – is very close to the Catholic Church's heart. Things get noisy, and sometimes it's hard to allow enough silence to listen for the tiny whispering sound of the Lord's voice. Adoration is a powerful way to intentionally step out of all the business and recreation going on in my life and simply rest with the Lord for five, ten, or sixty minutes. If you're feeling drawn to make that silence and that space a priority, we now have two opportunities during the week – on Tuesdays from 4:30-5 before Coon Valley's 5:15 Mass and on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30 after Viroqua's 5:15 Mass. The Lord is always waiting gently and patiently for you and me, our job is to accept His invitation.

God bless you, Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

Diocesan Annual Appeal will conclude June 30, 2024



If you have not already done so, please consider giving to the Appeal. Payment cards and envelopes are located at the church doors. **We are currently short by \$1,580.00 of our goal.** If we do not reach to goal, we will have to pay the remainder out of the church operations budget. However, if we exceed the goal of \$14,515.00 those funds will be returned to the parish. We would like to use the excess funds raised for things such as a colored printer for the bulletins. **To donate online visit:** <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, reoccurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

Save the Date July 27, 2024



Beginning July 1, 2025 New Suggested Fees

- Mass Stipends \$20 (formerly \$10)
- Funeral Stole Fee \$75 (formerly \$50)
- Wedding Stole Fee \$100 (formerly \$75)
- Quinceanera Stole Fee \$100

Current Mass Stipends offered at the \$10 will stand at that fee. Any requests made after July 1, should be at the \$20 fee.



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood - Jun 22

Deacon David James Nowicki will be ordained on Saturday, June 22 at 10 AM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. To watch online visit: diolc.org/live

Religious Freedom Week June 22-29

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22 through June 29. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

St. Charles Homecoming - Jul 7

The 121st annual St. Charles Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 7th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa, Wis. Most events will be held outdoors, with dining inside the adjacent school. Entry to the event is free and open to the public. Food will feature Pogy's chickenque with the addition of locally-made risotto, raffles, bingo and a number of games for kids. Chickenque meals are \$15, hot dog meals are available for younger attendees for \$6. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (608) 689-2642.

Dare to Follow: July 9-11, Mater Redemptoris in La Crosse: If you know of any young men who may have considered or should consider discerning the vocation of the priesthood, please personally invite them to attend this event. Registration

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

information can be found at www.brand.page/daretofollow or contact Renee rorth@diolc.org. May God bless you!

Organ Recital - Jul 21

July 21, 2024 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Offered by Leo Abbott, who is a graduate of the St. Paul Choir School, Cambridge, and the Chaloff School of Music, Boston.

St Patrick's Church Rummage Sale—Bake Sale - July 26-27

St. Patrick's, Onalaska, will be having a rummage sale and bake sale on Friday, July 26, (7:30 am - 4 pm) and Saturday, July 27 (7:30 am - 3 pm). Holiday items, Collectors corner with antiques and unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods and more! Donations for the Rummage Sale will be accepted starting June 19. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and information: 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

31st Annual Corn Boil – Aug 1

Door of Hope hosting their annual corn boil on August 3rd. Lunch hours 12 -2 PM and Dinner hours 4-7 PM. All the sweet corn you can eat! Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, 3 and under free. Corn to go: \$8/dozen. The meal also includes hot dogs, chips, beans, soda and ice cream. Bulk ticket purchase of 10 or more available prior to event for \$9 each. Contact Door of Hope at: office@viroquahope.com with questions.

Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 12-16

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 12-16. No experience needed. Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org

A Nature Walk With Francis and Clare: Aug 16th 7-9 pm & Aug 17th 9am-4pm

Presenter: Raymond List, Franciscan Spirituality Center, Using the theme of St. Francis' Canticle of Creation, you are invited to a walk of gratitude within nature. Following St. Clare's teaching, you will have an opportunity to develop a closer relationship with your natural surroundings through gazing upon a natural element, considering the expression of beauty through nature, contemplating how that beauty is mirrored within and imitating, or living out, that beauty in your daily life. You will be invited to reflect on the experience of Francis in nature as expressed in the Canticle and then make your own addition to the Canticle as a way of bringing the Franciscan heritage into modern life.

OVERNIGHT: \$175, includes private bedroom, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. COMMUTER: \$105, includes lunch on Saturday

Host an Exchange Student

World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2024-25 school year. World Heritage students are all of high school age (15-18) and come to the United States with their own insurance and spending money, eager to learn about America through their host family and the local community. Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States. For information or to apply, visit: <https://host.world-heritage.org/>

Activity Corner

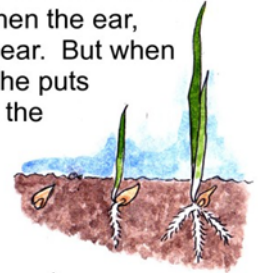


A Kingdom of God Word-Find



"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to



Happy Father's Day!



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@mwtnet