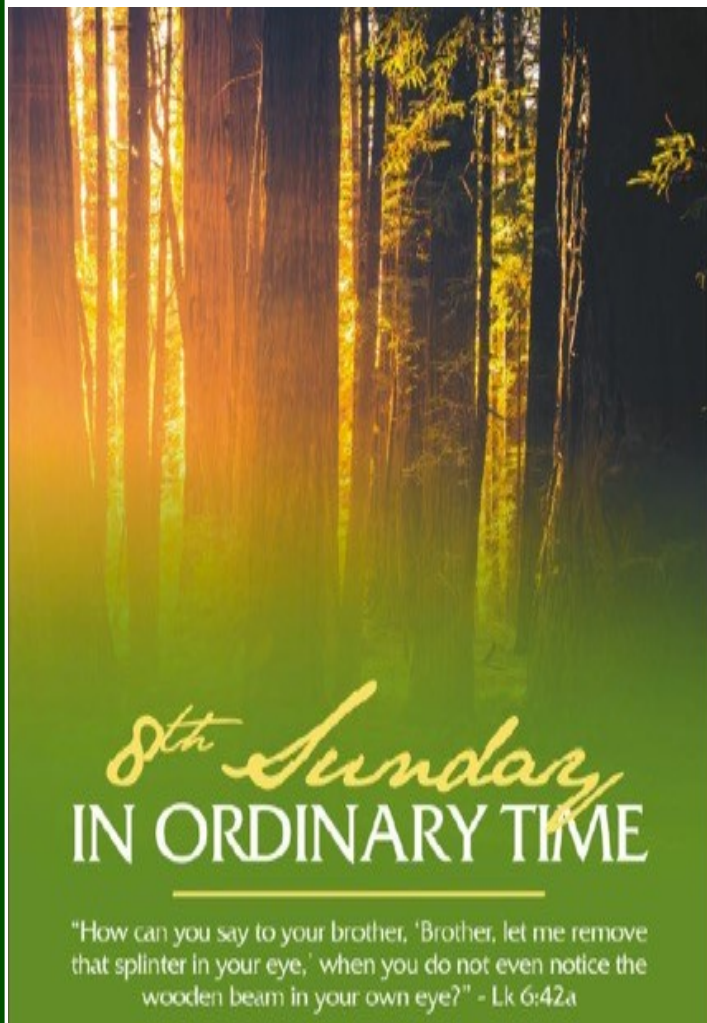


# St. Mary Parish

**Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor**  
**Dcn. Tony Shay**

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**March 02, 2025**

*Readings: 601C*

## 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),  
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

Sunday .....10:30 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](http://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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto:jrichards@diolclergy.org) You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments).

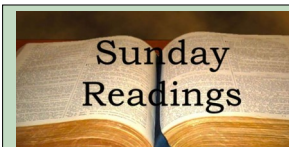
**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments)

**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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**March 02, 2025**  
 1) Sirach 27:4-7  
 2) 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
 3) Luke 6:39-45

### Intentions / Schedule

#### 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

#### TUESDAY, March 04

*Weekday*

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration  
 - 5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

#### WEDNESDAY, March 05

*St. Agatha/Ash Wednesday*

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration  
 - 5:15pm Mass - For our Bishop

#### THURSDAY, March 06

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

- 8:00am Mass - For the Priest

#### SATURDAY, March 08

*The First Sunday of Lent*

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


#### SUNDAY, March 09

*The First Sunday of Lent*

-8:00am Mass - † Gavin Williams  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

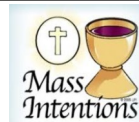
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **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** ~ Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 AM  
 ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua  
 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Mar 10** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Mar 11** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 11** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- **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
- **Mar 23** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua  
 10:30-12:30 PM

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

**Open Weekdays:** Mar 11, 13 & 27. Apr 3 & 29. May 1, 20, & 22. Jun 3, 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](mailto: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.



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



### Needed last Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,680.00	Received as of week 4
<b>(\$1,320.00)</b>	Difference for the Month

### 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>
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>\$995.00</b>	<b>\$4,203.35</b>
Percent Pledged: 92.92%, Percent Received: 70.08%		
Number Contributing: 26		
To donate online, visit: <a href="https://diolc.org/donate-online/">diolc.org/donate-online/</a> and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		2/23/2025	
Adult Env(29)	\$1,275.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	322.00	Received This Week	\$1,682.00
CathLife Mag(3)	<u>\$85.00</u>	Running total needed	\$16,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,682.00</u></b>	YTD Received	\$13,183.00
		Difference	(2,817.00)

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

We are shifting into a new liturgical season in just a few days, with Lent starting up on Ash Wednesday. First, some scheduling business – on Ash Wednesday we're changing our daily Mass schedule (one day only), with a 7:00 AM Communion Service and 12:10 Mass in Viroqua and a 5:15 Mass in Coon Valley. This is not a holy day of obligation, but the high attendance at services across the Church indicates the power of this day to start off Lent. Starting next week, we'll have further schedule adjustments on Tuesday and Wednesday, with Stations of the Cross being prayed at 5:15 and Mass shortly after Stations are concluded. On Tuesdays through Lent let's keep that 4:30 adoration time in Coon Valley, and on Wednesdays we'll have some time for adoration after Mass is concluded too.

Okay, check mark for scheduling. I've mentioned before that I've always enjoyed both Advent and Lent – these two seasons of personal preparation and heart-work to get ready for our two biggest Moments. Advent tries to interrupt the busyness (and frankly commercialism) of the “holiday season” with a note of some somberness, withdrawal and retreat before the powerful lighting-up-the-world at Christ's birth. Lent has a similar tone, preparing us not so much for Easter (the Resurrection) as for the entire Easter Triduum – the movement from the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) through Jesus' arrest to His death (Good Friday), and finally to His Resurrection (the Easter Vigil). It's no coincidence that both the high Mass at Christmas (Midnight) and the main Mass at Easter (the Vigil) share this imagery of light growing and piercing through the physical darkness of night – it shows what Jesus is always doing in you and me, every single day. Anyhow, Catholics are serious about that difference, that we're not putting the cart before the horse by jumping right to the Resurrection Moment, but rather taking in the full movement from Last Supper to Death to Resurrection. Story is important.

As far as our part in Lent goes, the Church has traditionally recommended three main (and effective) ways to prepare – in prayer, in fasting, and in almsgiving. Take some time over the next few days before Ash Wednesday comes along to ask some simple questions about these three categories. Practical action plans are important here. For prayer, “Jesus, how are you trying to draw me deeper into relationship with you?” For fasting, either (A) “what is getting in the way of my relationship with you that you're asking me to let go of?” or (B, if there's nothing needing cleaning up there), “what good thing are you asking me to let go of so I can learn to rely on you more?” For almsgiving, “how are you asking me to give to the point of discomfort to help those who need my help?” Of course this can be financial, but I also find extra time and effort to be personally fruitful. All simple things to pray with, and I pray for your beautiful and restorative Lent!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



March 5, 2025

- 7:00 AM - Communion service at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (ABVMP), Viroqua
- 12:10 PM - Mass at ABVMP, Viroqua
- **5:15 PM Mass - here, St. Mary Parish**

### Lenten Regulations:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Lenten regulations are as follows:

- ♦ Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- ♦ In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



### The Word Among Us Booklets

Feel free to take a copy of the Word Among Us Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations Lent 2025. The Word Among Us booklets can help you experience Lent as a time of growth and connection with Jesus. The booklets are written to help you get more out of Lent and come to know Jesus better.

### Save the Date - Men's Club Spaghetti Supper - March 29

Mark your calendars, serving from 4-7 PM.

### Birtheright Baby Bottle Campaign

Birtheright offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birtheright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Fill the bottle with loose change or cash and return to the parish by Sunday March 23, 2025. Envelopes are also available, please *make checks out to Birtheright*. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

### Church Cleaning - Mar 6

Jean Geier and a few others are cleaning the church on Thursday, March 6th at 10:45 AM, they could use a few more hands if you are available to assist, it would be appreciated.



### CRS RICE BOWL'S 50th Anniversary!

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. Pick up your rice bowl from the back of the church. Visit [crsricebowl.org/join](https://crsricebowl.org/join) to share your Lenten prayer intentions.



## Parish Announcements continued

### Student Mite Boxes—Missionary Childhood Association



Students are asked to help other children less fortunate than themselves this Lent by filling the MCA mite box. These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.

## 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 608-452-4680 with any questions.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>! 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

**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](http://menofthecross.org) **Speakers:** Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby. More info in the back of the church.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Luncheon – Mar 26

Bishop Gerard Battersby and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 17th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 26! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. This year we are honoring Bishop Emeritus William Patrick Callahan with our In My Name Award! **Please RSVP online by Friday, March 21** as seating is limited. [cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/](http://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/) We hope to see you there!

### 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our 4K program runs the full school day, with options for either 3 days (MWF) or 5 days a week. St.

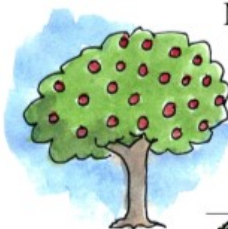
## Diocesan/Local Announcements

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](mailto:frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com)) or Mrs. Patti Hytry ([phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org](mailto:phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org)). Get snapshots of who we are and what we do on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSchoolGenoa>

## Activity Corner

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2nd, 2025



*In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees.*

*What did He say?*

*Use the code to find out!*



A B D E F G I N O R S T U

### 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)



Grief is a journey. It can often feel like you're walking alone in the dark or caught forever standing in a fog. No matter how long it has been since losing a loved one, grief can greatly affect your life, (spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, mentally, financially, etc.).

Grief Share is a 13-week support program, being hosted jointly by the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Mary's Parishes. Here you will hear insights from grief experts, meet others who understand what you're going through and learn how to navigate your grief. Participants can share as much or little as they are comfortable. Topics to be discussed include anger, regret, loneliness, sadness, friendships, questions for God, feeling overwhelmed, selfcare and more. Please join us for Grief Share, where you can find comfort, strength, and hope! All are welcome.

**When:** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Where:** Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
400 Congress Ave.  
Viroqua, WI 54665

**Facilitators:** Janet Olmstead, GC-C  
Deacon Anthony Shay, Ed. D, LPC, CRC

**Registration Fee:** \$20.00

To register sign up in the back of the church, call the number below, use the email below, or sign up on the GriefShare website. If you have questions, contact the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish office at 608-637-7711, email their office at: [stmaryparish@mwtnet.net](mailto:stmaryparish@mwtnet.net), or go to the website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).