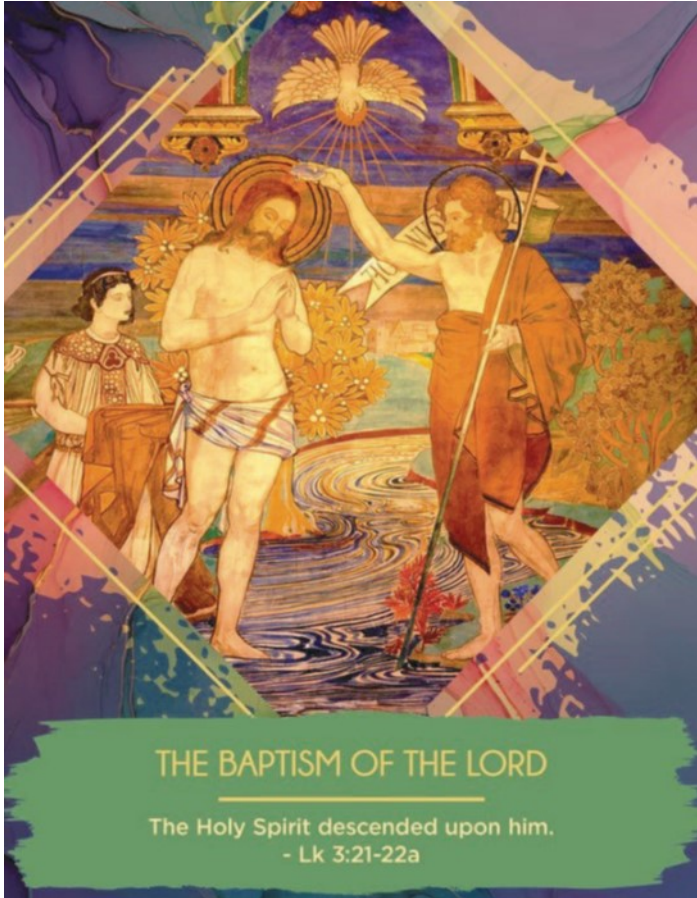


St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
The Holy Spirit descended upon him.
- Lk 3:21-22a

Church Address:
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Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
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January 12, 2025

Readings: 500C

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

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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

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.

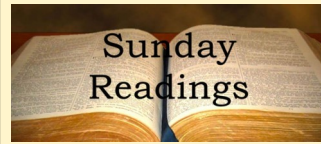
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the
parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the
Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our
website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

The Baptism of the Lord



January 12, 2025
 1) *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*
 2) *Titus 2:11-14*
 3) *Luke: 3:16*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, January 11

The Baptism of the Lord

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

-8:00am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, January 14

Weekday

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

THURSDAY, January 16

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - For the People

SATURDAY, January 18

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Ronald and Jeanette Hammes
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, January 19

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - In thanksgiving—Wesley Grabowski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

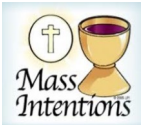
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Jan 12** ~ *Date Change* Rel. Ed, after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Jan 13** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Jan 14** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **Jan 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Jan 19** ~ Parish Social after 8 AM Mass hosted by St. Catherine Guild
 ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 2** ~ Rel. Ed. after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Feb 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Mar 2** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Apr 6** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Apr 13** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 19, Feb 1 or 2, 9, & 15 or 16. Mar 15 or 16, 22, 23, & 30.
Open Weekdays: Jan 14, 16, 21, 23, & 28. Feb 4, 11, 18, 20, 25, & 27. All Mar open except 20.



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 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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of January 03, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$53,451.50



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,602.00	Received as of week 1
(\$6,398.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 01/03/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$9,875.00	\$6,483.33
Target Amount	\$14,050.00	\$14,050.00
Under Target	\$4,175.00	\$7,566.67
Percent Pledged: 70.28%, Percent Received: 46.14%		
Number Contributing: 23		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week			
Adult Env(28)	\$1,060.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	138.00	Received This Week	\$1,602.00
Sol of Mary	390.00	Running total needed	\$2,000.00
Sol of Mary Off.	14.00	YTD Received	\$1,602.00
Total	\$1,602.00	Difference	(398.00)
Food Pantry	\$26.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Team FOCUS conference has successfully made it back! I've heard from at least seven people so far that Fr. Parr did a great job with both liturgical celebrations he came out for, and I am grateful to him and you for making space for me to get out to Salt Lake City for the week. We had a group of eight parishioners that made their way out, joining with some 878 (I think that's the number) other parishes from across the country as well as a ballpark 17,000 college students. That's a few people. During their time, our folks learned about FOCUS' model of evangelization and small group work, rooted in a relational introduction to Jesus Christ and His Church, supplementing it with topical work on parish ministries like OCIA, focused work on prayer, and the regular course of keynotes and speakers that fill these conferences.

For my part, I took on a bit of a chaplain's role through the week. You may recall that before seminary I was a missionary, and last summer I went out to Lincoln for FOCUS' new staff training to pray and walk with new missionaries. On my end, these moments are far from physically or emotionally restful, but the concentrated pastoral work reflect a lot of the *why* behind my initial desire as a FOCUS missionary to pursue the priesthood. Here are a few of the profound moments from my own week in Salt Lake City:

Joining some 300 other priests in line to concelebrate daily Masses, including fifteen or so guys I haven't seen since my own seminary days, when COVID brought our final year to an abrupt end;

Running into some of the High Schoolers (now college students) from my first assignment up in Wausau and seeing how they've expanded and matured;

Praying and processing with our parishioners with a retreat day after the conference;

Reconnecting and praying with a missionary couple I had accompanied through a miscarriage when I was down in Lincoln;

Meeting in person with several missionary spiritual directees that I've been meeting with on video for half a year;

Stepping back from the big full-conference Mass one day to celebrate a Mass for the on-the-run event-producing missionaries, taking a thirty-five minute moment to rest in the Lord with some folks that really needed to rest in the Lord;

Helping to hear roughly 6000 confessions over the course of the week (not all by myself).

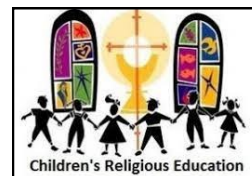
Again, I am grateful to you for holding things together here while I stepped away. I'm working on the physical recuperation from SEEK and Christmas, but I feel spiritually revitalized to launch into 2025 with you. God bless you! Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Religious Education

The RE parents meeting will be Sunday, January 12th after the 10:30am Mass in Viroqua.

We will have the RE activity in Coon Valley on Sunday, January 19th after the 8am Mass. Please meet upstairs in the church after Mass. Father Joe will go over the parts of Mass with the children. Then we will head downstairs for snacks and a game.



2024 Contribution Statements

Statements will be available for pickup next weekend, January 18/19, 2025. Please make an effort to collect your statement to save on the mailing expense. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary Parish.

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus' name means "God saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1: 21). *Jesus saves us* from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist.
- This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25

Thank You

United Country-Oakwood Realty, LLC in Viroqua would like to thank our local communities for their growing awareness and generous contribution to the "Something For Seniors" 2024 Christmas gift campaign. Through the generosity of many people, 267 local senior residents living within our local assisted living and health care facilities received Christmas gifts and more importantly were remembered and thought of during the holiday season. We want to thank and encourage you to support the following businesses who assisted with this year's gift drive: (Viroqua) Nelson Agri-Center, The Viroqua Food Coop, WDRT & WVRQ Radio, Hazel Media; (Westby) Hansen's IGA, (Gays Mills) The Marketplace Cenex, (Coon Valley) Valley Market. A special thank you to the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Vernon County for their ongoing support, and fine people who work and volunteer at our health care facilities. Without their gracious participation, this wouldn't be possible.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Join Tens of Thousands at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sign up for the Pilgrimage for Life, Jan. 22-26, our diocesan participation in the national March for Life in our nation's Capital. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults, families, and young people to bear witness to the sanctity of human life. To learn more, visit diolc.org/pilgrimageforlife,

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

“Behold: Prayer of the Saints” Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.

Making Saints: Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner Registration Open Now

Our young Church is alive! Christ is moving on La Crosse college campuses, and we want to share these stories with you. You're invited to join us **Saturday, February 1st** at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for an evening including dinner, student testimonies, a silent and dessert auction, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Billy Dodge of course). Registration details can be found by scanning the QR code at right or visiting www.roncallinewmancenter.com/making-saints-2025. Registration closes January 24th. If you have any questions or are interested in donating an item to our silent auction, please contact Adele at media@newmanlc.org.



Central WI Retrouvaille \Retro- v\ Marriage Help Program

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

The Rosary in a Year Podcast: Renew Your Prayer

On January 1st, Father Mark-Mary Ames is launching The Rosary in a Year podcast with Ascension Press! You are most welcome to join for FREE as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Blessed Virgin as you understand the beauty and significance of the rosary. This will be a 10-minute daily podcast to hear about the basics, what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and Mary, the meaning of the prayers, understand better the different mysteries and how to meditate on the life of Christ to encounter Him. Download the prayer plan at AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear.

Save the Date! Men of the Cross: Forgiveness and Freedom

Will be held March 8, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. We are excited to have Bob Kroll as our keynote speaker and Mass with Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!

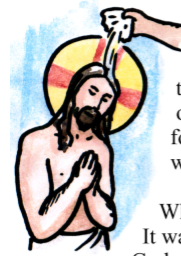
Casa Hogar Volunteers Needed

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



Activity Corner

Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!

Here is my _____ whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my _____;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not _____,
not making his _____ heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not _____,
and a _____ wick
he will not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you
for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a _____ for the nations,
to open the _____ of the blind,
to bring out _____
from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.



PRISONERS	VOICE	EYES
SMOLDERING	SERVANT	LIGHT
SHOUTING	SPIRIT	BREAK

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