

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

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September 15, 2024

Readings: 648B



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bridget Goodwin.....bladams50@gmail.com

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

September 15, 2024

1) Isaiah 50:4c-9a; 2) James 2:14-18;
3) Mark 8:27-35

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 14

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Donald and Patricia Kammel
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, September 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, September 17

St Robert Bellarmine and St. Hildegard of Bingen

- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - † Maria Rabotski

THURSDAY, September 19

St. Januarius

- 8:00am Mass - For the People

SATURDAY, September 21

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, September 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Arlene Seichter
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

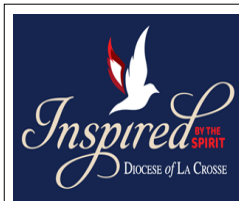
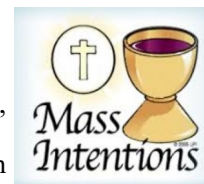
Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sep 15** ~ Pat Kammel's Celebration of Life at Leo and Leona's, 1-4 PM
- **Sep 16** ~ Men's Club Meeting at 6:00 PM
- **Sep 17** ~ Finance Council meeting 5:45 PM
- **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 2-3:30 PM
- **Oct 20** ~ Religious Education Safe Environment Training here after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 27** ~ Advanced Care Planning Workshop in Viroqua from noon to 1:30 PM

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Sep 29. Oct-full. Nov 16 or 17, & 24. Dec. 14, 15, 21 or 22, and 28.

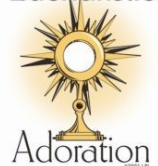
Open Weekdays: Oct 1, 17 & 29. Nov 5, 7, 21, & 26. Dec 3,5,10,12,17,19,25,26, & 31.
Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net 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): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$46,344.50
THANK YOU!

Eucharistic



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



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,251.00	Received as of week 2
(\$5,749.00)	Difference for the Month



CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Giving Last Week		9/8/2024	
Adult Env(32)	\$2170.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	343.00	Received This Week	\$2,798.00
PCB (10)	\$285.00	Running total needed	\$72,000.00
Total	\$2,798.00	YTD Received	\$60,311.75
		Difference	(11,688.25)
RE Registration	\$175.00		



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

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Before my main word for this week, let's clarify something. Over the past few weeks, I've had several folks double check that I had in fact sent an email asking them for Amazon gift cards for our hard working employees. In fact I had not – they had just fallen prey to one of the older tricks in the scammer's playbook: create a new email address, pop the pastor's name on it, then send out an email to anybody they can find who's related to the parish and send them a 92% believable request with a 37% believable URL (or at least more believable than a deposed Nigerian prince asking you to help him restore his right to rule). I hereby promise that if I ever need an Amazon gift card I will look you in the eye and shake your hand before shaking you down.

Moving on. This weekend we've got an important passage from the Letter of James, sometimes tied to the question "am I saved by faith or am I saved by works?" Incidentally, this is sometimes set up as one of the primary contentions between Catholics and Protestants (especially Lutherans), but that's for a different lecture, so to speak. The important thing for James is that our works (what we do, how we fill our schedule and manifest that we are Christians) are a necessary extension of our faith. Put another way, the relationship with Christ comes first, how we live it flows naturally out of it.

This brings me to one of my favorite St. Paul lines (Ephesians 4: 11-13): "He gave some as Apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ." Paul's getting at something important. There's a lot of work to be done in the Church, and there's not a single Christian who's ever lived who can do it all alone. We've got guys like me that (by the nature of the job) take on aspects of each vocation Paul is naming here, but when it comes down to it the Body of Christ (a.k.a. the Church, a.k.a. us) really comes to life when each Christian realizes 1) there's a particular gift God has given me that He hasn't given to Fr. Joe or Sue or James, 2) I see a particular need that needs to be addressed, and 3) that need might need me to be the one to do something about it. Over the last two and a half years (and before, but this is just my experience talking) many of you have seen real needs around here stepped up to exercise your gifts in very tangible ways. Summer picnics, special liturgical celebrations, faith formation and Bible studies, homebound ministry, all these things happen for the exact reason that someone saw a need and rose to the occasion. Thank you, keep up the good work, and keep your eyes open to the needs the Lord shows you.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 13

Spread the word and Invite Everyone

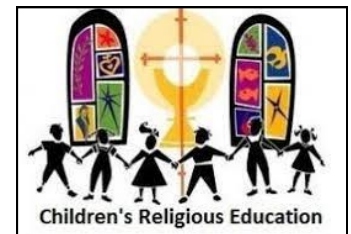
Flyers are included in today's bulletin. Please help spread awareness of our event by posting them (with permission) in the community (such as the grocery store, bank, phone company, etc.) or your own business, and of course, invite everyone you know.

Save the Date and Donate

As in past years, we are requesting at least a \$20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Envelopes are in the back of the church in alphabetical order for each registered family. 14 of 111 families have donated as of 9/13/24. Thank you for your support.

Religious Education

Plan for Family of Faith activities to start October 6th (1st Sunday in Viroqua and 3rd Sunday in Coon Valley) with this year's theme: The Sacraments. A second 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. If you'd like to join us, or have questions, please 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

Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock: Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served.

Walking with Women, Praying the Scripture - Sep 19

Come and See! All women are welcome to attend Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture! This is NOT a physical exercise of the body. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at **St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.** Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more info.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

'Silent City' September 21st 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Silent City is a guided walking tour through the Catholic Cemetery (519 Losey Boulevard S.) featuring theatrical performances about the history and community impact of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Tours leave every 15 minutes and last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets available at <https://www.lchshistory.org/silent-city-tickets>

Victory of the Light Leadership Conference – Sep 21

Are you looking to Grow Your Council and Make your Leaders the Best They Can Be and Improve the Skills They Already Have? Attract New Leaders? This Conference is for you! Saturday, September 21, 2024. From 10 am to 4 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, 460 W. Fourth Street, Richland Center, WI 53581. Please Find Registration at www.ldccw.org or contact President Candace V. McGrath at candace.ldccw@gmail.com or call 608-647-0400 for more Information. Brought to you by the Leadership Development Team of the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Cost \$10 Which Includes a Catered Lunch. **Please RSVP by September 14th**. Flyer and forms in the back of the church.

ORGAN RECITAL - Sep 22

The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main Street, La Crosse on Sunday September 22 at 3:30 pm by David Lim, Lecturer of Music at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. Come hear this fine organist perform a varied and exciting program!

Chili and Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle - Sep 25

Please join the Coon Valley Lutheran Church on Sept. 25 from 4:00-7:00 PM, cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, 5 and under free. Everyone is welcome!

Pro-Life Witness – Sep 25-Nov3

Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

Life Chain's 37th Year—October 6th 2:00-3:00 pm

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Where: Corner of Losey Blvd & La Crosse St to King St and beyond.

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). Meal will include homemade kraut, pork ribs, polish sausages, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, gravy and homemade pie. Sit down supper and festivities or carry out.

Activity Corner

Who do You Think Jesus is?

Use these words to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Elijah	prophets	said
Peter	disciples	John

Jesus asked the _____ _____,

"Who do people say that I am?"

They _____ in reply,

"_____ _____ the Baptist,

others _____ _____,

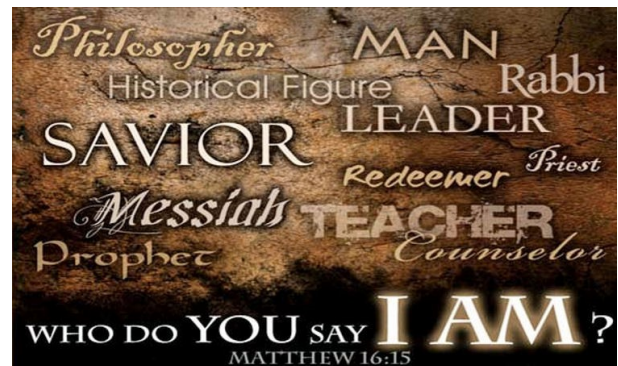
still others, one of the _____ _____."

And He asked them,

"But who do you say that I am?"

_____ _____ said to Him in reply,

You are the _____ _____!



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

