

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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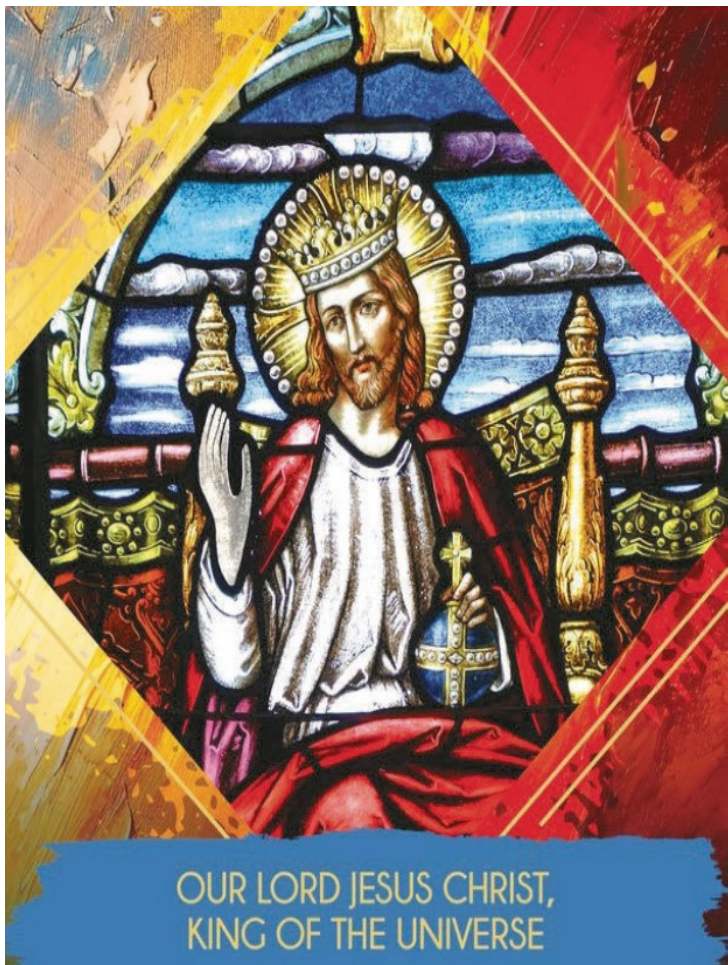
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
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November 24, 2024

Readings: 678B



PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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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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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

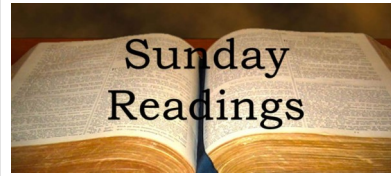
Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments.

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
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



November 24, 2024

- 1) Daniel 7:13-14;
- 2) Revelation 1:5-8;
- 3) John 18:33-37

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 -4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, November 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 -8:00am Mass - † Art and Evelyn Gajewski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, November 26

Weekday
 - 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, November 28

Weekday/Thanksgiving Day
 - 8:00am Mass - In Thanksgiving



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



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
THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Nov 28** ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass 8 AM
 ~Thanksgiving Dinner 11AM - 1 PM at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua
- **Dec 1** ~ First Sunday of Advent
 ~Rel. Education 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 15** ~ Parish Social after 8 AM Mass hosted by St. Theresa
 ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **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



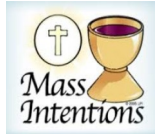
Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

<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 3, 25, 26, & 31. Feb open except the 6th.

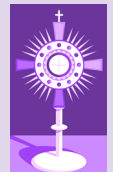
Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



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 this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,601.00	Received as of week 3
(\$2,399.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 11/22/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$8,325.00	\$4,675.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$5,725.00	\$9,375.00
Percent Pledged: 59.25%, Percent Received: 33.27%		
Number Contributing: 19		
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		11/17/2024	
Adult Env(29)	\$1060.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	<u>212.00</u>	Received This Week	\$1,272.00
Total	\$1,272.00	Running total needed	\$92,000.00
		YTD Received	\$77,106.75
		Difference	(14,893.25)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

At the risk of redundancy, the apocalyptic flavor of the readings over the last few weeks has a point. Our liturgical year starts over next weekend with the last month of Mary's pregnancy before Jesus' birth on Christmas, so these last few weeks are meant to feel climactic, like the end of a journey. Right now we're supposed to be taking a deep breath and recalling everything that's happened since December 3 last year – making the time to remember what Advent looked like and how it led into Christmas, what it felt like to take a deep breath with that blip of Ordinary Time before Ash Wednesday, how Lent led into the Triduum and how Easter played out after, how grace opened up in the slow and steady work of Ordinary Time again.

Memory is important. Taking the time and putting in the work to reflect, recall, and receive is what lets a memory become meaningful – what invites grace to grow and expand past the point of first reception. You've heard me talk about C.S. Lewis enough to know I'm a big fan, but chances are you haven't read my favorite work by him, the (in my opinion) unfortunately named "Space Trilogy" – it's a less read work of his, something like the adult Chronicles of Narnia. There's a line in the first book when the protagonist Ransom is reflecting on the memory of a pleasure with his Martian guide (it's not as weird as it sounds), and his guide shares with him:

"A pleasure is full grown only when it is remembered. You are speaking, Hman, as if the pleasure were one thing and the memory another. It is all one thing. The Seroni could say it better than I say it now. Not better than I could say it in a poem. What you call remembering is the last part of pleasure, as the crah is the last part of a poem. When you and I met, the meeting was over very shortly, it was nothing. Now it is growing something as we remember it. But still we know very little about it. What it will be when I remember it as I lie down to die, what it makes in me all my days till then—that is the real meeting. The other is only the beginning of it."

So much for memory. From time to time I encourage you to make of this or that place in your life and heart an invitation to the Lord – to let Him guide and lead and open up whatever grace He has in store for you. With this last week of Advent-prep, take some time to invite Him to open up what He's done in you, how He's tried to move despite your best efforts, and how He's trying to show you more clearly by what He's done who He is and who you are.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Being Thankful

When we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is a fitting time to stop and remember the many gifts we have been given. Set aside time to make a list of gratitude. To take it one step further, it is appropriate to look at all we have as God's gift, undeservedly given, and express our gratitude to Him for His goodness and generosity. Since Eucharist means thanksgiving, returning to Mass on Thanksgiving Day is the best place to express your gratitude. Thank Jesus for all of the good gifts, and most especially, for the gift of Himself to you in the Holy Eucharist.



Parish Announcements

Volunteers on the big day!

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

ST MARY'S
CRAFT
Show
Saturday, Dec. 7th

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

We need five ladies to donate 3lbs of BBQ each and four ladies to donate 2 large pans of bars each for the lunch counter at the craft fair. A signup sheet is available in the back of the church. If you bring one of these you don't have to donate to the bake sale.

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

PCCW members who haven't picked up their quilt raffle tickets will find them in the back of the church. All ladies of the parish are asked to sell a minimum number of tickets each year. Please return your tickets to the parish by Sunday Dec. 1st or the day of the Craft Show by noon.

Craft Tables Still Available for Dec. 7th

Have you reserved your craft table for St. Mary's Craft Fair? Time is running out. Please reserve your table now by going online at: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov 28

Serving 11 AM to 1 PM. The Viroqua Ministerial Association and area churches invite the community to a free Thanksgiving community dinner. They'll be served at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 400 Congress Ave., Viroqua.

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, teethers, 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!



Our Book of Remembrance

Pray for the souls of Marlis Urbanek, Mary Sedevie, Patricia Kammel and other loved ones who have departed this past year. The Book of Remembrance will remain in the back of the church for the month of Nov.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

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!

Benefit Concert for "A Place of Grace" - Nov 24

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held Sunday, November 24 at 2 PM at San Damiano Chapel at Viterbo. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke, Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted.

St. Nicholas of Myra Celebration for Children - Dec 1

1:00 - 4:15 p.m. December 1, 2024. Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI on Sunday, December 1! Come for Mass at 1:00 p.m. and stay to meet Saint Nicholas. The day will conclude at 4:15 p.m. More information at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

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 raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

Diocesan/Local Announcement continued

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!!

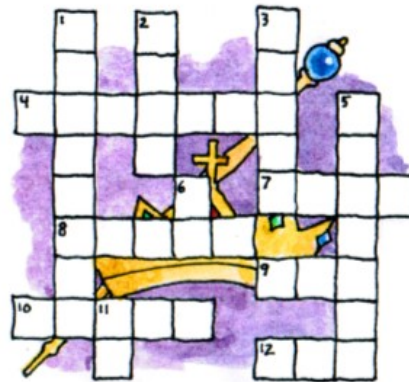
Activity Corner

Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7

Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down
A=across.



(3D)_____ Christ is the (1D)_____

(4A)_____, the firstborn (11D)_____

the dead and ruler of the (2D)_____s of

the earth. To (12A)___ who loves us and

has (8A)_____ us from our (7A)_____

by his blood, who has made us into a

(5D)_____, priests for his (9A)___ and

Father, to him (6D)___ (10A)_____

and power forever and ever. Amen.

**OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
FREED KINGDOM JESUS**

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)

