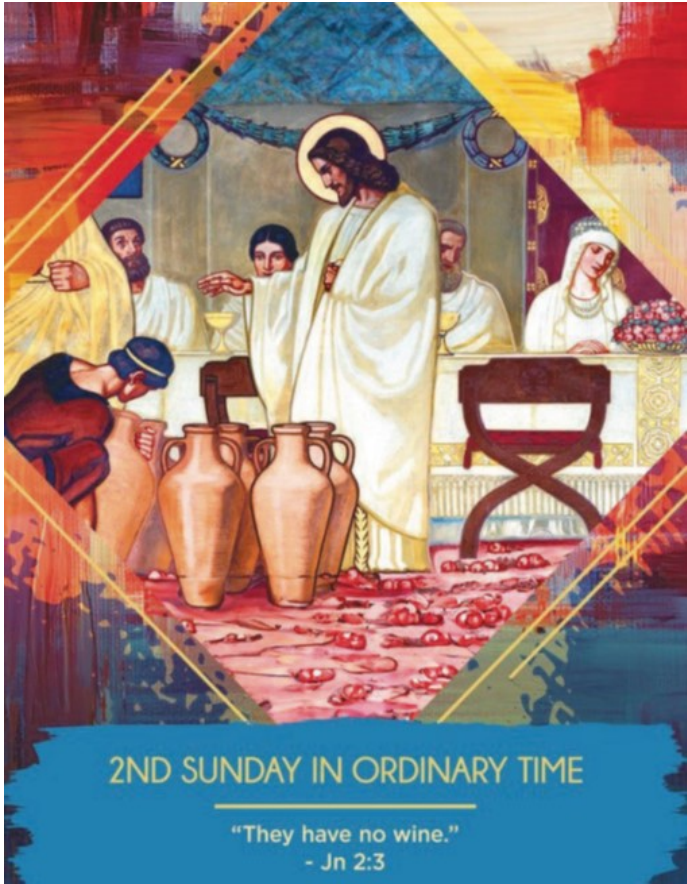


St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They have no wine."
- Jn 2:3

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
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January 19, 2025

Readings: 583C

PASTOR

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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

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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.

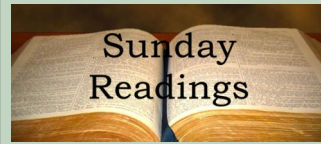
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the
parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the
Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our
website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 19, 2025
 1) Isaiah 62:1-5
 2) 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 3) John 2:1-11

Intentions / Schedule

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

TUESDAY, January 21

St. Agnes

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

THURSDAY, January 23

St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope

- 8:00am Mass - For the People

SATURDAY, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - For Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Jim Callan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

Upcoming Events/Calendar

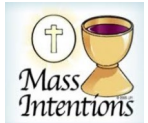
- **Jan 19** ~ Parish Social after 8 AM Mass hosted by St. Catherine Guild
 ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 1/2** ~ Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection
- **Feb 2** ~ Rel. Ed. after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Feb 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 22/23** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Mar 2** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Mar 5** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Mar 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Apr 6** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Apr 13** ~ Palm Sunday
 ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Feb 1 or 2, 9, & 15 or 16. Mar 15 or 16, 22,23, & 30.

Open Weekdays: Jan 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
\$3,815.00	Received as of week 2
(\$4,185.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 01/17/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,375.00	\$6,774.99
Target Amount	\$14,050.00	\$14,050.00
Under Target	\$3,675.00	\$7,275.01
Percent Pledged: 73.84%, Percent Received: 48.22%		
Number Contributing: 24		
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		1/12/2025	
Adult Env(36)	\$2,065.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	148.00	Received This Week	\$2,213.00
Total	\$2,213.00	Running total needed	\$4,000.00
		YTD Received	\$3,815.00
		Difference	(185.00)



From the Pastor

Hello folks,

Earlier this week I put on my green vestments for the first Ordinary Time Mass this year in the rectory chapel. At the risk of repeating myself, the green of ordinary time illustrates the slow, steady growth of grace outside of big seasons, just like vegetation slowly growing outside (not right now). This little Ordinary Time blip before Ash Wednesday (March 5) is a favorite of mine – it's a short step back from the deep work of Advent and Christmas to let those seeds take root and start to shoot up through the soil. Ordinary Time is an excellent moment to let ourselves explore different angles on our relationship with God and the Church, to let ourselves workshop and invite the Lord to reveal Himself to us in new ways.

I mentioned last weekend that I see this year being big for “the heart.” I referenced Pope Francis’ latest letter, “Dilexit Nos,” where he opens up “the heart” as the place of encounter, decision, and relationship. It’s that place in “me” where I see and am seen by “you” – not so much a physical spot in the upper-middle-just-to-the-left of my chest but the spiritual place of identity and self. It’s something more than a psychological reality, perhaps the outward-facing and receptive manifestation of the soul. One of the most beautiful lines of scripture refers to Mary holding on to her Mother’s witness of her Son, “and she kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

There’s a deep tradition in Catholicism of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Going back some 800 years to St. Francis of Assisi and his almost-contemporary St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Christ’s wounds have fascinated Christians, and four hundred years later St. Margaret Mary Alacoque opened up the theme of Jesus Christ’s Sacred Heart. Maybe you’ve seen images of Jesus showing His heart, usually with a clear and inviting radiance – an invitation to intimacy and connection with His outpouring mercy and love for us. It’s as if He’s saying, “Here’s my heart, can I share it with you?”

A few months ago, Bishop Battersby asked all the priests in the Diocese to exercise a spiritual practice in their rectories known as an “Enthronement to the Sacred Heart.” In this practice the household (or in this case, myself and a few folks I invited over for the moment) places an image of the Sacred Heart in a prominent place in the house, to invite Jesus through His Sacred Heart to watch over, protect, provide for, and take His throne as the King of the home and the people living there. I want to extend an invitation to you – whether it’s during Ordinary Time or Lent or Easter – to consider doing this in your own homes. If you’d like I can even come over and we can go through the prayers together, or if you’d like to do it on your own, I can get you the prayers too. As for an image, you can find one pretty easily up at the Shrine gift shop or Noelke’s in La Crosse, or with a quick Google search. Check it out, and if you have any questions feel free to send them my way!

Fr. Joe

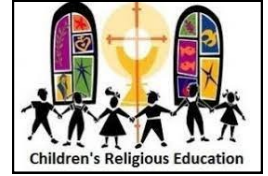
Parish Announcements

2024 Contribution Statements

Statements are now available for pick up in the back of the church. Please make an effort to collect your statement to save on the mailing expense. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary Parish.

Religious Education

We will have the RE activity in Coon Valley this 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.



A Minute with Jesus

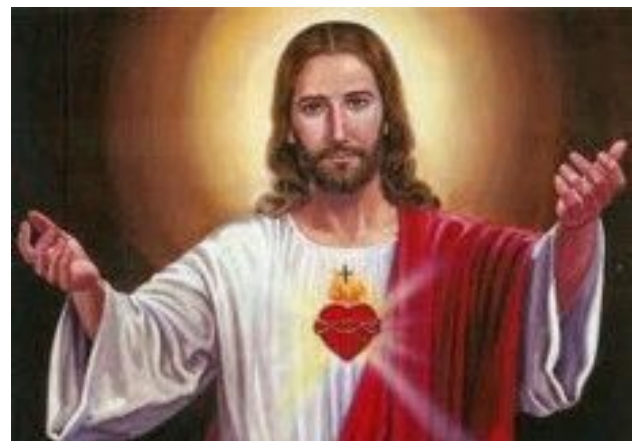
Why does Jesus want to stay with us always?

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven.

- Let’s pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.
- This week read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (Feb 2):

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved. *For more information:* [NRVC](#)



Diocesan/Local Announcements

Help those suffering from the wildfires in California

As fast-moving wildfires continue to engulf neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) has launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign. All funds raised will assist those displaced or suffering because of the fires. To donate, visit ccusa.online/fires, scan the QR code to the right or text "FIRES" to 20406.



Join Tens of Thousands- 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,

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking, or scanning the QR code to the right.



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

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



Activity Corner

The Miracle at Cana Crossword



ACROSS:

1. How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana?
2. "_____, what has this to do with us?" (Jesus' words)
4. What had been water was _____ wine.
8. Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding _____.
9. "Do whatever He _____ you." (Mary's words)
10. Jesus _____ "Fill the jars with water."

11. Who filled the jars with water?

13. They had run out of _____ at the wedding.

16. "_____ else serves the good wine first, but you have saved it till now."

17. _____ and His disciples were also at the wedding.

18. Mary turned to Jesus _____ she saw there was no more wine.

19. "____ whatever He tells you."

DOWN:

1. Jesus did this first of His _____ in Cana in Galilee.

3. The _____ of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.

5. Jesus _____ also there.

6. They were guests at the _____.

7. The water _____ wine.

12. "Everyone else _____ the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."

13. They filled the jars with _____.

14. Cana in Galilee was _____ Jesus did His first public miracle.

15. "You have saved the _____ wine until now."

Answer: Across: 1.six, 2.woman 4.now 8.feast 9.tells 10.said 11.servants 13.wine 14.when 17.Jesus 18.when 19.do. Down: 14.where 15.good. 1.six 3.mother 5.wine 6.wedding 7.become 12.serves 13.water

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

Message from John Francis

December 20, 2024

Dear PCCW and St. Mary's Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! It was great to be back in Coon Valley a few weekends ago. The parish community holds a special place in my heart from when I was there a couple years ago. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. In the meantime, it has been a while since my last update and I thought I could fill you in on some recent happenings at the seminary.

This past semester has flown by! I cannot believe how quickly the time passed this academic year. In September, I took my class on a road trip to La Crosse where we visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, attended Holy Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman and prayed in the St. Rose Chapel (Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration). I think in the past I have taken these transcendent places of pilgrimage for granted, so returning to the Diocese of La Crosse with new sets of eyes increased my appreciation for the rich Catholic heritage we have in our diocese! If you have not been to any of those places yet, I highly recommend a trip to check them out yourself!

The month of October brought our beautiful Marian procession around the seminary, where all seminarians and priests process around the seminary grounds with a statue of Our Mother while singing hymns and praying the rosary. It is a procession I look forward to every year and is accentuated by the changing colors of the leaves.

November started off with a 'bang' with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. On the night leading up to All Saints Day, there is an all-night candlelit adoration which is very moving. All Souls Day also culminates with a procession, but this time it is to the seminary cemetery. We pray for all the sisters, brothers and priests that have taken care of St. Francis de Sales Seminary through the years. The seminary is over 180 years old, so there are many souls to pray for! Later in November, we were given a tour of Milwaukee by one of our priest formators. He showed us the many beautiful churches on the south side of the city before culminating the day by going mini-bowling! Milwaukee is known for being the founding city of bowling, and there is a bar that allows people to play with scaled-down balls and pins. It was a lot of fun! I have appreciated getting to know my classmates better this semester, and we have had some great fraternity. There are only five of us, but we like to joke that what we lack in numbers we make up in height. The average height of our class is 6' 2"!

Next semester, I finish up my philosophy studies before heading into theology. I still have four and a half years left, but the time sure is going fast. I ask for your continued prayers for myself and brother seminarians as we continue in our studies. Lastly, I know some have asked if there was an address to send letters to. If you wanted to write to Deacon Matt or myself, the address is: 3257 S Lake Dr., St. Francis, WI 53235.

In Christ,

