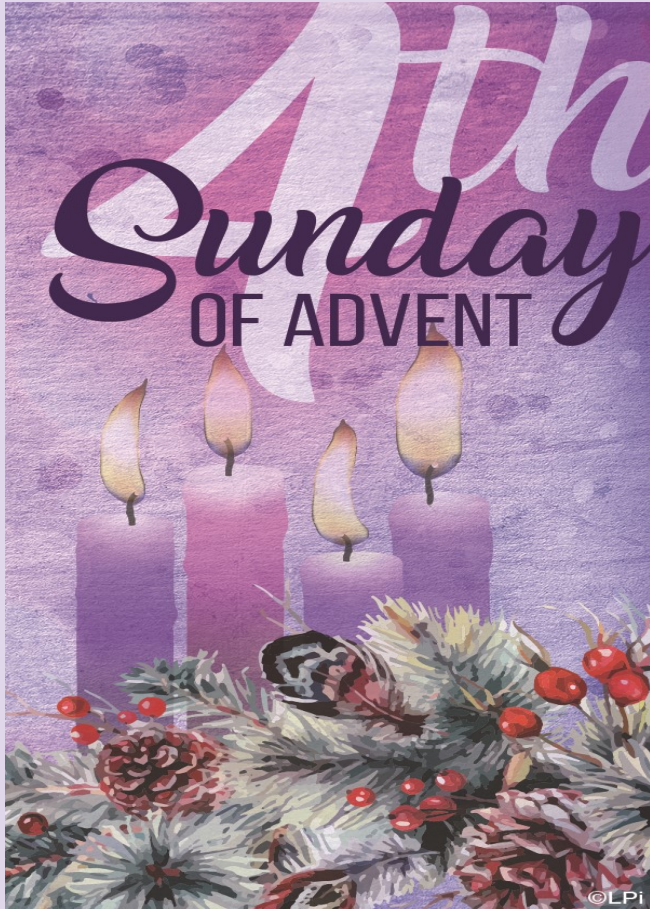


St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay



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December 22, 2024

Readings: 488C

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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Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

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),
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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.

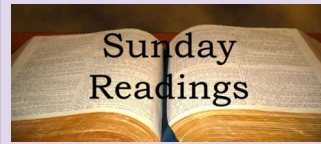
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 22, 2024
 1) Micah 5:1-4
 2) Hebrews 10:5-10
 3) Luke 1:39-45

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Vernon Urbanek
 -5:00-5:30am Adoration
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, December 22

Third Sunday of Advent

-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm Mass - † Joan Urbanek

WEDNESDAY, December 25

Christmas - Midnight

- 12:00am Mass - Pam Seelow

THURSDAY, December 26

St. Stephen

- 8:00am Mass - NO MASS

SATURDAY, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

-3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

-8:00am Mass - All Roskos and Roningen Families
 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 December 6, 2024
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$50,489.50

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 12/06/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$8,825.00	\$5,175.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$5,225.00	\$4,675.00
Percent Pledged: 62.81%, Percent Received: 36.83%		
Number Contributing: 20		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Dec 24/25 ~ Christmas Eve 4:00 PM and 12:00 AM (midnight)
- Dec 25 ~ Christmas Mass in Viroqua 10:30 AM
- Dec 31– Jan 7 ~ Fr. Joe away at FOCUS conference, no regular daily Mass
- Dec 31 ~ Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation 5:15 PM Mass with Fr. Parr presiding
- Jan 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Mass in Viroqua at 12:10 PM and 5:15 PM
- Jan 4/5 ~ Welcome Fr. Parr
- Jan 12 ~ *Date Change* Rel. Ed, after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- 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



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19. Feb open except 23. Mar is open
Open Weekdays: Dec 25, 26, & 31. All Jan open. Feb open except the 6th. All Mar open.



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 stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 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

\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,146.00	Received as of week 2
(\$4,854.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week

Giving Last Week		12/15/2024	
Adult Env(29)	\$990.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
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Imm Concep	30.00	Running total needed	\$100,000.00
Total	\$1,225.00	YTD Received	\$83,363.75
X-Mass Flower	\$120.00	Difference	(16,636.25)
Retire Rel	\$60.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Forgive me for belaboring a point about the Church's year again, but there's a lot to be taken from the way our calendar flows. A new Church year started back on December 1 with the First Sunday of Advent, and for the last several weeks we've built in a number of elements to build up to this coming Wednesday. In the readings we're hearing very preparatory, prophetic words from the likes of John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, and Paul. In our physical space we've seen the building illumination of the Advent Wreath – it's no coincidence that the fourth candle completes the brightness of the wreath this weekend, with Saturday being the winter solstice/darkest and shortest day of the year. That color purple that I'm wearing for most of the season points to the kingdom of God, firmly rooted in Christ's royal entry into the world. If you feel like there's a building tension, a bated breath and strange watchfulness in the last few days before Christmas here, you're nailing it. This whole season of Advent is designed to differentiate this Moment – to make perfectly clear that there is something different about this week. It's all about invitation – an invitation to each one of us to invite the Lord to shine His light into our hearts and through us into the world.

Just as important as Advent is the time that comes right after. It feels like we've seen Christmas decorations up around town and in stores for a good three or four months now, likely to disappear in roughly four days. This is a bit backwards – Christmas (like Easter) is such a monumental event that we don't just celebrate it on December 25, but for a full eight days starting December 25, and even then with the Christmas Season. I'm guilty in my own personal practice of cutting Easter and Christmas short, and it's something I need to remind myself of all the time that it takes real and good work to celebrate well, just like it takes real and good work to go through those preparatory seasons (Lent and Advent) well. Ordinary Time is around the corner in just a bit, but not yet. Those few months of deep winter between Christmas and Lent always strike me as odd. Once the ground is definitively covered in snow and the thermometer stays below 32 for more than little stints, we'll feel the slow-and-steady of Ordinary Time. I try to slow down in January and February and allow myself, like a bear (which incidentally doesn't truly hibernate – they lied to you about that one), to stop producing quite so much for a bit (harder said than done) – It's important to let grace expand in quiet. Then comes Lent, into the springtime of Easter and new life, and before you know it we're back into the Ordinary Time of summer and fall.

Each year's a new year, and even while you and I have been here before, we haven't necessarily been here before. The Lord's mercy and grace and restoration are always new, and He always wants to draw you deeper and deeper in.

God bless you, and happy final few days of Advent.

Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

Christmas Mass Times

- * December 24-Vigil Mass in Coon Valley at 4:00 PM
- * December 24-Vigil Mass in Viroqua at 6:30 PM
- * December 25-Midnight Mass in Coon Valley at 12:00 AM
- * December 25-Mass in Viroqua at 10:30 AM



2025 Contribution Envelopes Available for Pickup



Envelopes are in alphabetical order for ease of pickup (some number holders have changed, so be sure to pickup by name). Thank you for your continued support. If you cannot find your envelopes or you do not currently have envelopes assigned to you please contact the parish office by leaving a message at 608-452-3841 or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net

2025 Calendars

Calendars are now available in the back of church. Feel free to take one home with you today. It features beautiful Catholic Art and lists all the years liturgical dates



We are accepting requests for 2025

Please use the envelopes in the church for this purpose, see previous page for the next 3 months of dates.

A "Mass intention" is a specific prayer request that someone asks a priest to offer during Mass. This means that the Mass, is dedicated to praying for a particular person (either in celebration, for their health, well-being, or the repose of their soul), or in thanksgiving for something, or for a special reason not necessarily disclosed; it is asking the priest to specifically remember someone or an event during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Christmas Flower Donations

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish. If you have donated toward the flowers and your name in not listed on today's insert, please contact the parish office. Updates will be posted in the back of church.



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,

“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.

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!

UDIOCESE 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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd, 2024



Luke 1.39-45

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her? Use the code to find out!

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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



Flower Donations in Memory/Honor Of:

As of 12/20/2024

Tyler Turban

By Sharon and Sara Anderson

Cole J. Berra

By Dennis and Kay Berra

Jim and Betty Callan

Bob and Leona Welsh

By Mike and Karen Callan

Arlan and Virginia Dwyer

Rhonda Buckmaster

Randy Jones and Bob Janiero

By Keith Dwyer

Fleming and Ollendick Families

By Jim and Barb Fleming

Maria Rabotski

Art and Evelyn Gajewski

By Don and Mary Gajewski

Larry and Myrtle Geier

Chuck and Theresa Brueggen

Mary Brueggen

By Curt and Jean Geier

Joseph and Stella Grabowski

Norbert and Arlene Seichter

By Steve and Michelle Grabowski

Adam Hemmersbach

Arnold and Del Marie Hemmersbach

Ione Hauser and PJ Hauser

Doug Rude

By Stan and Lori Hemmersbach

Joan Urbanek

Daniel Urbanek

Reinald (Reiny) and Darlene Kammel

By Mike and Clarice Kammel

Edward and Anna Kerska

By Robert E. Kerska

Allen and Mercedes Christen

Bill and Rosie LeJeune

By Francis and Carol LeJeune

Bernard, Cecelia, and Larry Humfeld

Corrine Mislivecek

By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

Jayne Peterson-Frydenlund

Connie Peterson

By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

William and Rose Marie LeJeune

Frank and Dennis LeJeune

By Sandra Ritter, Joan, Jean, & Peggy LeJeune

Donald and Rita Weber

Alfred and Mildred Roesler

By John and Carol Roesler

Cheryl Roesler

By Joe Roesler

Deceased members of the Roskos and

Roningen Families

By Rosey Roningen

Cameron Sokolik

Veryl and Virginia Coffin

Arnold and Phyllass Schute

By Doug and Pam Schute

Ed and Betty Gorman

By Steve and Linda Schulte

Helen and Leyton Stafslie

Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski

By Amy Stafslie Family

Dan Tiedeman

Don and Pat Kammel

By Caroline Tiedeman

Joan Urbanek and Daniel Urbanek

By Clarence Urbanek

Kylie Von Ruden

By Bruce, Shirley, Chase & Kenzie Von Ruden

Gavin Williams

Ken and Hazel Williams

By Rick and Sue Williams

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