

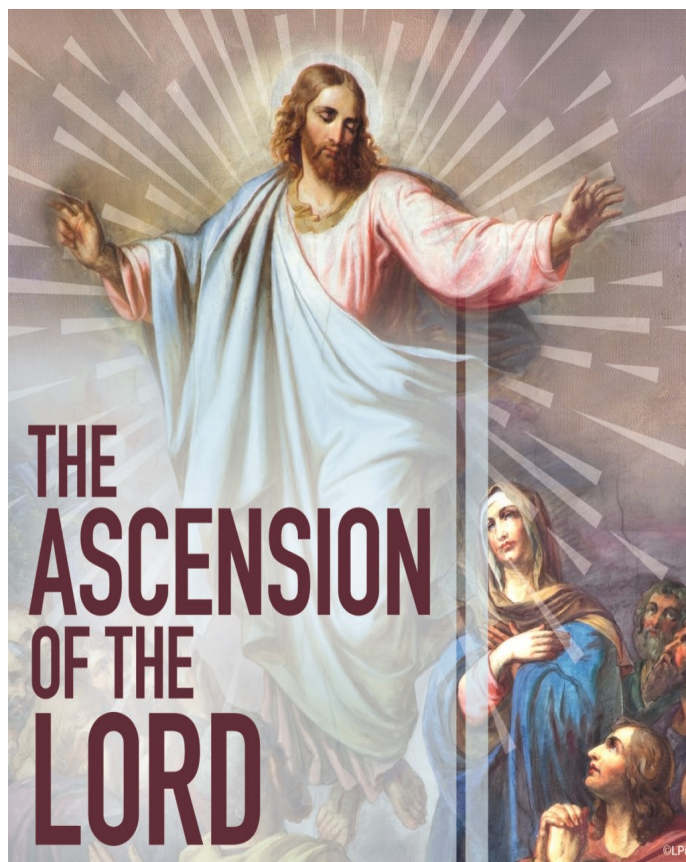
# St. Mary Parish

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Dcn. Tony Shay

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May 12, 2024  
Readings: 565B



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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

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

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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

Sunday .....10:30 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](http://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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto:jrichards@diolclergy.org) You will  
be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The  
registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://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](http://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 Ascension of the Lord

### Sunday Readings

May 12, 2024

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; 2) Ephesians 1:17-23;  
3) Mark 15:15-20

### Intentions / Schedule

#### SATURDAY, May 11

The Ascension of the Lord/7th Sunday of Easter

-4:00pm Mass - † Norbert Seichter  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

#### SUNDAY, May 12

The Ascension of the Lord/7th Sunday of Easter

-8:00am Mass - † Cecilia Humfeld  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

#### TUESDAY, May 14

-5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

#### THURSDAY, May 16

-8:00am Mass - † Bob and Marge Wittenberg

#### SATURDAY, May 18

Pentecost Sunday

-4:00pm Mass - Roskos and Roningan Families  
(living and deceased)  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Robert Kerska

#### SUNDAY, May 19

Pentecost Sunday

-8:00am Mass - † Kylie VonRuden  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



### CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sun: 7:15am to 7:45am

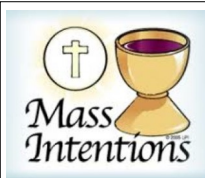
### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 11/12** ~ Mother's Day Rose Sale after Mass
- **May 13** ~ PCCW Meeting 5: 30 PM
- **May 14** ~ Men's Club Meeting 5:45 PM
- **May 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **May 19** ~ RE end of year party after the 8 AM Mass and parish social to celebrate our first communicant, confirmand, and graduates. The PCCW hosts will be both St. Theresa & St. Rose Guilds.
- **May 20** ~ Installation of Bishop Gerard W. Battersby in La Crosse
- **May 20-31** ~ Fr. Joe chaplaining the FOCUS' New Staff Training , No daily Mass
- **May 25/26** ~ Welcome Fr. Nate Kuhn
- **May 27** ~ Memorial Day
- **Jun 07** ~ *Eucharistic Rally* in La Crosse from 10 AM—8:30 PM
- **Jun 23-26** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, No daily Mass



**Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>



**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jun 23 & 30; Aug 11 & 31.

**Open Weekdays:** May 14, Jun. 11 & 20; Jul 4, 11, & 30; Aug 22 & 29.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of April 26, 2024

Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00

**Payments received: \$39,479.50**

THANK YOU!



### Needed last Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$1,557.00 Received as of week 1

**(\$6,443.00) Difference for the Month**

### Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 04/26/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,700.00	\$12,600.00
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$1,815.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,915.00)</b>
Percent Pledged: 87.50%, Percent Received: 86.81%		
Number Contributing: 28		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, reoccurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

Giving Last Week		5/5/2024	
Adult Env(31)	\$1240.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$317.00	Received This Week	\$1,557.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,557.00</b>	Running total needed	\$36,000.00
		YTD Received	\$31,971.57
		Difference	(4,028.43)

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

We've got a few pieces of out-of-the-ordinary business coming up, so allow me to break it down for you a bit.



First, some good news – **we are on for another seminarian this summer!** You may remember John Francis from last summer – throughout June and July (and a bit of May and August) John stayed with me up in Viroqua last year. During his time, he got a Bible Study rolling (which is still going to this day), worked with our servers and tended the Coon Valley cemetery, visited our homebound and resident parishioners, and got to know many of you over fires, suppers, and cowhide processing. This summer **Matthew Szymanski** (soon to be Deacon Matthew Szymanski, on June 1) will be joining us for a similar experience. What does “soon-to-be-Deacon” mean? Great question. One year before priesthood ordination, seminarians are ordained deacons (just like Deacon Tony, but with a different trajectory). This will also add in a few more opportunities for Matthew, especially when it comes to preaching. I hope to get another Bible Study together for him, as well as a few other projects. In the meantime, allow me to encourage you to reach out to him early to have him over for dinner and get to know him. His schedule will follow our daily Mass schedule pretty closely, and as we all saw last summer with John there's a lot to be said for getting into his social calendar earlier than later. More to come, keep your eyes peeled.



Second, **I will be heading out of town after next week's Bishop installation from May 20-31 to chaplain FOCUS'**

**New Staff Training** down in Lincoln. This is when FOCUS gets all their new missionaries together for a few weeks to get them ready to go out on campus (near us, they're in Platteville, Madison, Winona, and La Crosse), and while I'm down there I'll be helping with sacraments, spiritual direction, and whatever else the team might throw at me. I've mentioned my own time as a missionary (which, importantly, set me on a trajectory toward priesthood and heavily informs my own methodology), and I am looking forward to this chance to give back to an institution that's given quite a bit to me. This will mean we will be without daily Mass during that window, but Fr. Nate Kuhn (an absolute bear of a man and our diocese's Vocations Director) will be here to celebrate the weekend's Masses. Pray for the new missionaries that are getting ready for the next year's labors in the vineyard!

God bless you!

~ Fr. Joe



## Parish Announcements

### Mother's Day Rose Sale - This Weekend

Honor your Mother this weekend with a rose! The PCCW is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after both masses. A \$2 donation per rose is requested, with all proceeds going to Wisconsin Right To Life.



**Save the date and join us** next Sunday, May 19th, 2024, following the 8:00 AM Mass for a **Parish-wide brunch to honor our First Communicants, Confirmation Student, and High School Graduates.**



### Rosary before Mass in the Month of May



May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, the rosary will be recited 20 minutes before the weekend masses in May. Please make an effort to join us.

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on campus today.

[signupnc.newmanministry.com](http://signupnc.newmanministry.com)



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## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Eucharistic Miracles Display - May 16-19

“In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The **Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition** faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was beatified on October 10, 2020. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cashton, WI on May 16-19, 2024.** We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.”

## Diocesan/Local Announcements



### **"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally: Be Part of This Amazing Day! | June 7 | La Crosse Center**

Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and internationally-known speakers as we seek to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, His gift of Himself to us with unconditional love. For info visit [diolc.org/the-answer](http://diolc.org/the-answer)

### **Prism Concert, "In Praise of Mary" - May 26**

Sunday May 26, 3:00 - 4:00 pm | Enjoy music from many periods in history, played by brass quintet and organ, and sung by choir and soloists. Selections will be played in the style of a "prism concert", in that each piece is performed in immediate succession, emanating from different parts of the beautiful Shrine church, with its magnificent acoustics. Learn more at [GuadalupeShrine.org/Events/](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/Events/). Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5250 Justin Rd., La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601. (877) 799-4059. For more information, contact Alice Schreiner, at: [aschreiner@guadalupe Shrine.org](mailto:aschreiner@guadalupe Shrine.org).

### **Family Camp:**

A Family Camp will take place at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI. The cost is \$350 for a family of four, with an additional \$30 for each person above that number. It starts on Friday afternoon to early evening and ends on Sunday at noon. The camp will take the families on adventures and include family-style meals, arts and crafts, prayer, faith talks, family time, bonfires, Mass, and great fellowship! Please contact Cheryl Kauffer at [goshawkcpk@gmail.com](mailto:goshawkcpk@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Adventure Camp:**

We will have two weeks for your group to choose from. Week 1: June 23-28, 2024 and Week 2: July 7-12, 2024. These two weeks are for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$430 per person (including adults) for an early bird registration (registered before June 10, 2024). After June 10, 2024, the regular price rises to \$450 per person (including adults). For more information, including a downloadable poster and registration link, click here: [diolc.org/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/](http://diolc.org/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/).

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

## Activity Corner

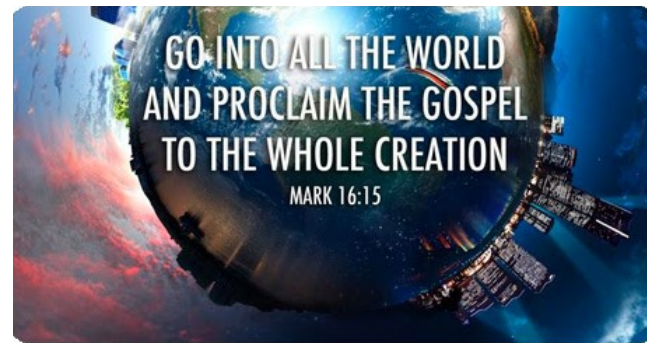
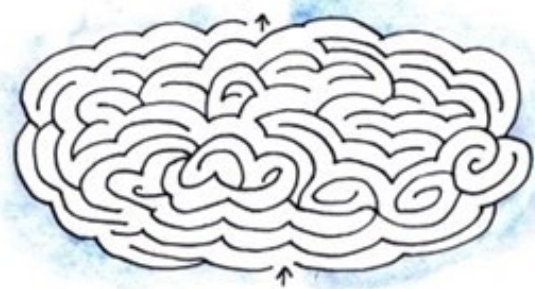
### *Feast of the Ascension*

*Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.*



*Jesus had promised to send a Comforter to them after He left them.*

*Can you find your way through the cloud maze?*



### **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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)

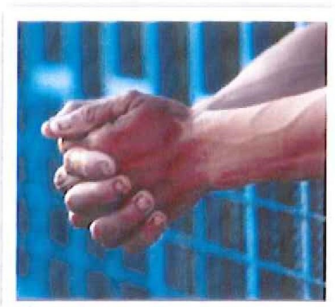
# Friends THROUGH Pens



The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, in partnership with the Order of Malta, is pleased to announce the launching of a new program to provide an opportunity to be involved in prison ministry right from the comfort and safety of your own homes.



Friends Through Pens is a pen pal mentoring program sponsored by the Order of Malta. As a volunteer, you would commit to anonymous monthly written correspondence to an inmate who has already been screened by the program. These inmates often feel alone and forgotten, and your inspiring words of comfort fill them with hope. Incarcerated participants have agreed not to request special favors from you (financial assistance, romantic involvement, personal contact) and all correspondence is exchanged directly through the Order of Malta headquarters to ensure your safety and privacy. Your personal letter is a work of mercy, expressing compassion, understanding and guidance to rebuild inmates' self-esteem. As a prison pen pal mentor, you are participating in the valuable act of restorative justice, because studies have proven that pen pal mentoring decreases the rate of recidivism and helps to positively form the character of those who will be returning to society. Program instructions and sample letters are all provided in the Pen Pal Mentoring Guidance Package once you agree to volunteer in the program. For more information, please contact Lorraine



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