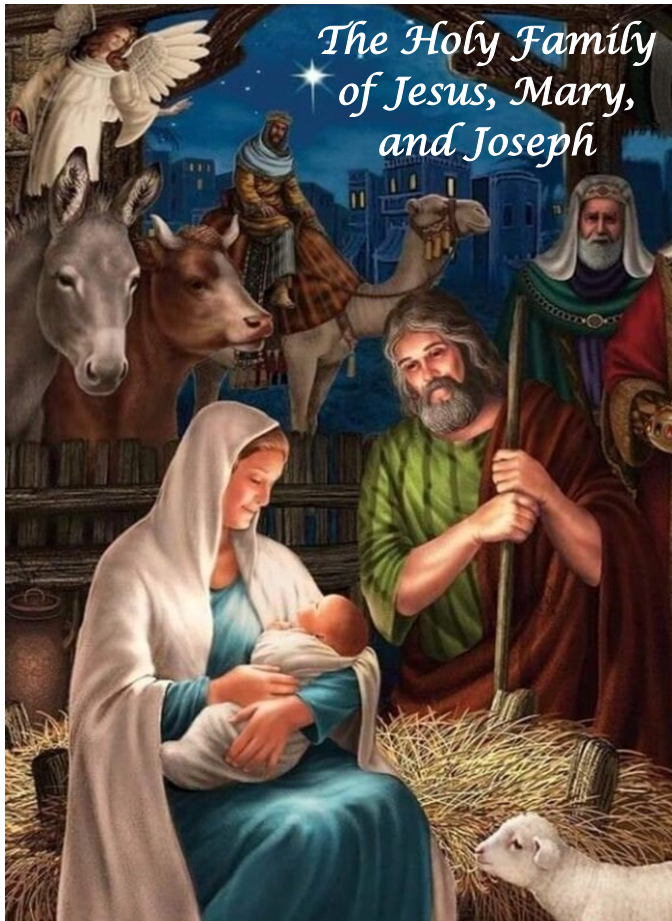


St. Mary Parish

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Dcn. Tony Shay



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December 29, 2024

Readings: 493C

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

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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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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roessler (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.

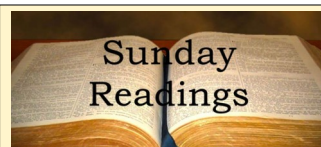
Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



December 29, 2024
 1) 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
 2) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
 3) Luke 2:41-52

Intentions / Schedule

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

TUESDAY, December 31

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

- 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - † Leyton and Helen Stafslie

THURSDAY, January 02

SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

- 8:00am Mass - NO MASS

SATURDAY, January 04

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

SUNDAY, January 05

The Epiphany of the Lord

-8:00am Mass - The Ollendick Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

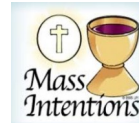
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **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 2** ~ No daily Mass at 8 AM
- **Jan 4/5** ~ Welcome Fr. Parr
- **Jan 7** ~ No daily Mass at 5:15 PM
- **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
 ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Feb 2** ~ Rel. Ed. after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Feb 16** ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass



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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 19, Feb 1 or 2, 9, & 15 or 16, Mar 15 or 16, 22, 23, & 30.
Open Weekdays: Jan 14, 16, 21, 23, & 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.



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$8,972.75	Received as of week 4
(\$1,027.25) Difference for the Month	



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 12/27/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$9,275.00	\$5,833.33
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$4,775.00	\$8,216.67
Percent Pledged: 66.01%, Percent Received: 41.52%		
Number Contributing: 22		
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			
Adult Env(31)	\$1,035.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	163.00	Received This Week	\$3,826.75
Imm Concep	10.00	Running total needed	\$102,000.00
Votives	62.00	YTD Received	\$87,190.50
X-Mas Env(36)	2,035.00	Difference	(14,809.50)
X-Mas Offertory	<u>521.75</u>	Food Pantry	\$77.00
Total	<u>\$3,826.75</u>	Retire Rel	\$20.00
		X-Mass Flowers	\$20.00

From the Pastor

Hello friends, and Merry Christmas!

Over the next few weeks we've got a few temporary schedule adjustments. This week I'll be heading out to Salt Lake City with some parishioners for FOCUS' SEEK conference. Some personal history to catch you up – before seminary I was a FOCUS missionary, working primarily at the University of Minnesota Duluth with college students, leading Bible studies, coaching and mentoring, praying with them, and working together on a relationship with Christ. I'm a big fan of the work FOCUS does, including this conference, and I've intentionally remained involved with them in some staff formation and spiritual direction. The SEEK conference (along with FOCUS' 9-5 work) is directed primarily at college students, with a growing side hustle in parish ministry, and over the next week here I hope this group's experience will help us see if such missionary work might help serve our parishes well too. Pray for our safe travels, for our openness to the Holy Spirit, and for the literal tens of thousands of Catholic young adults, parishioners, priests and religious who will be gathering in Salt Lake City and Washington, DC.

Anyway, back to local business. Since I'll be out of office from December 31(my dad's and Linda Schulte's birthday)-January 7, we've got a few Mass adjustments. First, January 1 is the ***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God***, also a Holy Day of Obligation. This **Tuesday Fr. Parr (a Viroqua local) will celebrate a vigil Mass in Coon Valley at 5:15**, and on Wednesday he'll celebrate 12:10 and 5:15 Masses in Viroqua. There will be **no daily Mass on January 2 or 3**, but the weekend will be business as usual. Finally, **there will not be daily Mass on January 7**, but on January 8 I'll be back in the saddle for our routine schedule.

Over the course of Advent we set about the ambitious project of adoration every single day of the week. It was ambitious, and I was very happy with it. Three things. First, it is no longer Advent, so that extraordinary schedule no longer stands. Second, January 8 onward we'll return to our customary *adoration times* from 4:30-5:00 on Tuesdays in Coon Valley and 5:45-6:30 on Wednesdays in Viroqua. If you got something out of coming to one of those Advent adoration times (or, for that matter, if some other practice you took on was a Help), please be free to explore adding it into your regular schedule too. Third, and finally, if you have any feedback on adoration times (such as “hey, that noon time was really helpful”), let me know. I can't guarantee it'll necessarily lead to a shift, but in my efforts to find what works best with y'all's (technical term) schedule that will be helpful information.

Alright. God bless you, and I'll see you soon!

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

For End-of-year Gifts/Contributions

Please have them arrive to the parish no later than December 31, to be sure of processing for 2024.

Thank You!

The musicians from St. Mary's would like to thank you all for joining in and singing so beautifully during the Christmas celebrations. Special thanks to those who joined us up in the choir! You are always welcome. Also, thank you for the Christmas card and gift. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

2025 Contribution Envelopes

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your envelopes from the back of the church, this will save time and money to distribute them to your homes. 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.

Christmas Flower Donations

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

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus came into the world as part of a Family

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph allows us to see the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life. The power of God's grace needed for family life comes to us through receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. Let us be faithful during this beautiful season of Christmas, and beyond, in attending Sunday Mass together as a family.

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as part of a family, providing a model for families to navigate a culture that rejects God.
- This week, read about the difficulty that the Holy Family experienced when they were separated from Jesus for three days in Luke 2:41-52.

Stewardship Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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!

Welcome to the Franciscan Spirituality Center's new podcast, What is Spirituality?

Your host, FSC spiritual director Steve Spilde, explores a variety of topics related to our understanding of connection, the divine, compassionate listening and the search for meaning and wholeness. Of the many questions Steve is guided by in his life, one of his favorites is: "What is Spirituality?" In this series, he'll introduce some of the spiritual mentors in his life as they reflect on this question and share what they have discovered on their own personal journeys. Expect to hear the collective wisdom of other spiritual directors, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and past directors of the FSC's Spiritual Direction Preparation Program

Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille \Retro- vi\Marriage Help Program

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

The Rosary in a Year Podcast: Renew Your Prayer

On January 1st, Father Mark-Mary Ames is launching The Rosary in a Year podcast with Ascension Press! You are most welcome to join for FREE as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Blessed Virgin as you understand the beauty and significance of the rosary. This will be a 10-minute daily podcast to hear about the basics, what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and Mary, the meaning of the prayers, understand better the different mysteries and how to meditate on the life of Christ to encounter Him. Download the prayer plan at AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear.

Activity Corner

The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.
Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the (SVOPSARE) festival. When (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the (MPELET) afterwards. (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't (DNIF) Him they went back and (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not (WNKO) that I must be in my () () () () () () () () () () () ()?"

Then he went home with them to (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in (DSIWMO) and age and grace.



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 12/27/2024

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

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Adam Hemmersbach

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Ione Hauser and PJ Hauser

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By Stan and Lori Hemmersbach

Joan Urbanek

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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

For the Parish

By Gary and Lori Pedretti

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 Roningens Families

By Rosey Roningens

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 Stafslin

Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski

By Amy Stafslin 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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