

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
StMarysCoonValley](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley)

September 22, 2024

Readings: 651B



**25th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

PASTOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

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

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bridget Goodwin.....bladams50@gmail.com

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: ..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

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 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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

September 22, 2024

- 1) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; 2) James 3:16-4:3;
3) Mark 9:30-37

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 21

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, September 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Arlene Seichter
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, September 24

Weekday

- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, September 26

S.S. Cosmas and Damian

- 8:00am Mass - † Edwin and Anna Sedevie

SATURDAY, September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families
(living and deceased)
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, September 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - For the People
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

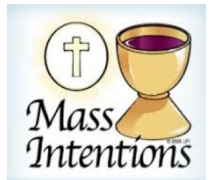
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sep 22 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after Mass** sponsored by the St. Catherine's Guild
- **Sep 23 ~ PCCW Meeting** at 5:30 PM, all women of the parish are invited to attend.
- **Oct 06 ~ Religious Education** after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Oct 10 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study** begins 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Viroqua Marian Hall
- **Oct 11 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study** optional time 9:00 to 10:30 AM in Viroqua Marian Hall
- **Oct 13 ~ *Our Annual Pancake Breakfast***
Serving 7:30 AM to Noon
- **Oct 15 ~ Advanced Care Planning Workshop** 3-5:00 PM
- **Oct 17 ~ Coffee and Fellowship** after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 20 ~ Religious Education Safe Environment Training** here after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 26 ~ Wedding** of Kelsey Brahmstadt and Greg Minter

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Sep 29. Oct-full. Nov 16 or 17, & 24. Dec. 15 and 21 or 22.

Open Weekdays: Oct 1, 17 & 29. Nov 5, 7, 21, & 26. Dec 3, 17, 25, 26, & 31.

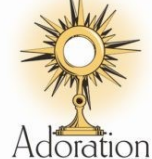
Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of September 6, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$46,344.50
THANK YOU!

Eucharistic



Tuesday evenings at 4:30 PM
concluding shortly before the
5:15 PM Mass time.



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,988.00	Received as of week 3
(\$4,012.00)	Difference for the Month



CONFESSIONS
Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Giving Last Week		9/15/2024	
Adult Env(28)	\$1,110.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	234.00	Received This Week	\$1,737.00
PCB (12)	\$265.00	Running total needed	\$74,000.00
Votives	103.00	YTD Received	\$62,048.75
Assumption	25.00	Difference	(11,951.25)
Total	\$1,737.00		
RE Registration	\$70.00	Food Pantry	\$114.00

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

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Back when Dcn. Matthew started with us in May or June or so, he commented something like “y’all are gonna see a lot of seminarians come through here” (I remember him having a Southern accent, and I refuse to change that memory). I’ve been very grateful for the chance to have several of these guys come through St. Mary’s and St. Mary’s – John last summer, Noah through the school year, Dcn. Matthew this summer – and I owe a lot of it to a happy convergence of proximity to La Crosse, a fair demographic representation of the Diocese broadly, and the different programming and opportunities our parishes have going on. Still, when Dcn. Matthew made that comment I flinched a little for the possibility of misleading all of you – we have a decent number of guys in seminary, but they certainly don’t make up a limitless pool. Anyway, I was wrong. This weekend we’re introducing our Journey Seminarian for the year – Joey Uhler.

Let’s back up a bit. If you’re unfamiliar with the term, a “seminarian” is someone considering becoming a priest and studying priest things. It entails college studies, usually in philosophy, then typically four years of grad school in theology. Sometimes guys tack on extra studies (like my fraternity brother Fr. Ethan in Tomah, who just finished up a year in Rome studying liturgy), sometimes not. When a man enters seminary he is very much not signing on the dotted line – that doesn’t entirely happen until the moment very late in the game when he’s ordained a deacon. While a seminarian is in college and grad school he’s also given opportunities (like John Francis spending the summer with us – Dcn. Matthew’s discernment is concluded) to encounter the life he’s considering and build up his data pool, so to speak. This earnest discernment is a major part of a seminarian’s time in formation: learning what the priesthood is and what a priest’s ministry looks like so that he can most clearly ask the question “is this where God is asking me to invest my life?”

Back to Joey. Just like with Noah last academic year, Joey is starting off his time in seminary with the Journey Program, a year-long exploration of spirituality, formation, and study up at the Diocese under Fr. Nate Kuhn. Once a month he (and the other Journey guys at other parishes) will join us for a weekend’s Masses and programming, so you’ll see him around for a bit here. Please introduce yourself, and if you would like to get to know him a bit more allow me to recommend reaching out to him or myself with a dinner or lunch offer after Masses.

God bless you!

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 13

Sign up to Work

Get the shift and job you want by signing up early, sheet is posted in the back of the church.

Spread the word and Invite Everyone

Extra flyers in the back of the church. Please help spread awareness of our event by posting them (with permission) in the community (such as the grocery store, bank, phone company, etc.) or your own business, and of course, invite everyone you know.

Save the Date and Donate

As in past years, we are requesting at least a \$20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Envelopes are in the back of the church for each registered family. 36 of 111 families have donated as of 9/18/24. Thanks for your support.

Advance Care Planning Workshops

If you could not speak for yourself, who would you want to make medical decisions for you? What would you want this person to know about your healthcare goals and values? Life is so unpredictable. We never know when an illness or injury will occur. That is why it is extremely important to write your wishes down.

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows you to designate a person to make your healthcare decisions, **only if you cannot make them yourself!** It also allows you to include specific treatment preferences and instructions for your care. In collaboration, St. Mary’s and The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches will host two free Advance Care Planning Workshops. These workshops will address Catholic beliefs, treatment options and assist you in creating or updating your own Advance Care Plan.

Date: October 15th, 2024

Time: 3-5 pm

Location: St. Mary Parish

900 Central Avenue, Coon Valley, Wisconsin

Date: October 27th, 2024

Time: 12-2 pm

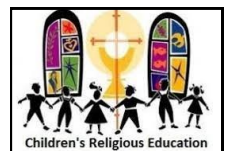
Location: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, Wisconsin

Pre-registration is encouraged by signing up in the back of the church or by calling either parish at 608-452-3841 (St. Mary) or 608-637-7711 (Annunciation). You may also register by email to StMaryInformation@mwt.net. Please leave your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Religious Education

Plan for Family of Faith activities to start October 6th (1st Sunday in Viroqua and 3rd Sunday in Coon Valley) with this year's theme: The Sacraments. A second Safe Environment training will be here in Coon Valley after the 8 AM Mass on October 20th. For more information please visit our website at: www.stmaryscv.org/religious-education



Parish Announcements continued

Little Rock Scripture Study

We will tackle The Gospel of Luke, which is handled in two parts — six sessions of Part 1 will run between Oct. 10 and Nov. 21 and Part 2 will pick up in the New Year. This year we will offer both Thursday evening and Friday morning meeting times to fit into different schedules. If you'd like to join us, or have questions, please contact Melanie Halvorson (melhalvor@gmail.com or 312-315-9048) or sign-up on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

ORGAN RECITAL - Sep 22

The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main Street, La Crosse on Sunday September 22 at 3:30 pm by David Lim, Lecturer of Music at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. Come hear this fine organist perform a varied and exciting program!

Chili and Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle - Sep 25

Please join the Coon Valley Lutheran Church on Sept. 25 from 4:00-7:00 PM, cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, 5 and under free. Everyone is welcome!

Pro-Life Witness – Sep 25-Nov3

Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

Lower CV Lutheran Celebrates 165 Years - Sep 29

The little white church in the Valley will be celebrating 165 years. All are welcome to worship (11 AM) and/or join them for a luncheon (around noon) on Sunday, September 29. The church is located between Chaseburg and Stoddard at S1801 North Stoddard Rd, Stoddard, WI

Life Chain's 37th Year—October 6th 2:00-3:00 pm

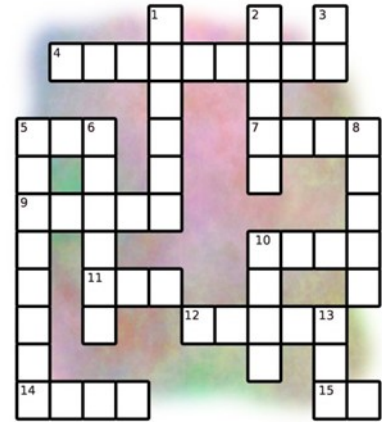
Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Where: Corner of Losey Blvd & La Crosse St to King St and beyond.

57th Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 9

St. Peters Catholic Church, Hwy 33, Middle Ridge, October 9th, 4:00—7:30 pm (or until sold out). Dig into a hearty meal of kraut & pork, Polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Save room for our delicious homemade pies, and don't miss the beverage tent, bake sale, and raffles. Whether you dine in or carry out, it's a feast you won't want to miss! When: Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 4pm-7:30pm Where: St Peters Church, Rockland, WI Cost: \$15

Activity Corner

Psalm 54 Cross- Word



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.
a=Across d=Down

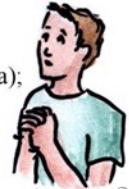
O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);
I will praise your name, O Lord,
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



Answers: ACROSS: 4.sacrifice, 5.God, 7.here, 9.offering, 10.life, 11.nothing, 12.words, 14.save, 15.to, DOWN: 1.prayer, 2.might, 3.me, 4.goodness, 6.defend, 8.risen, 10.Lord, 13.set.

"IF ANYONE WANTS
TO BE FIRST,"

HE MUST BE
LAST & SERVANT OF ALL."

- MARK 9:35

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

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th • 7:30 AM—NOON

\$10.00

PER ADULT

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

**St. Mary
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**This year we have added a
new pancake topping bar!**

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter

