

# St. Mary Parish

**Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor**  
**Dcn. Tony Shay**

**Church Address:**

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

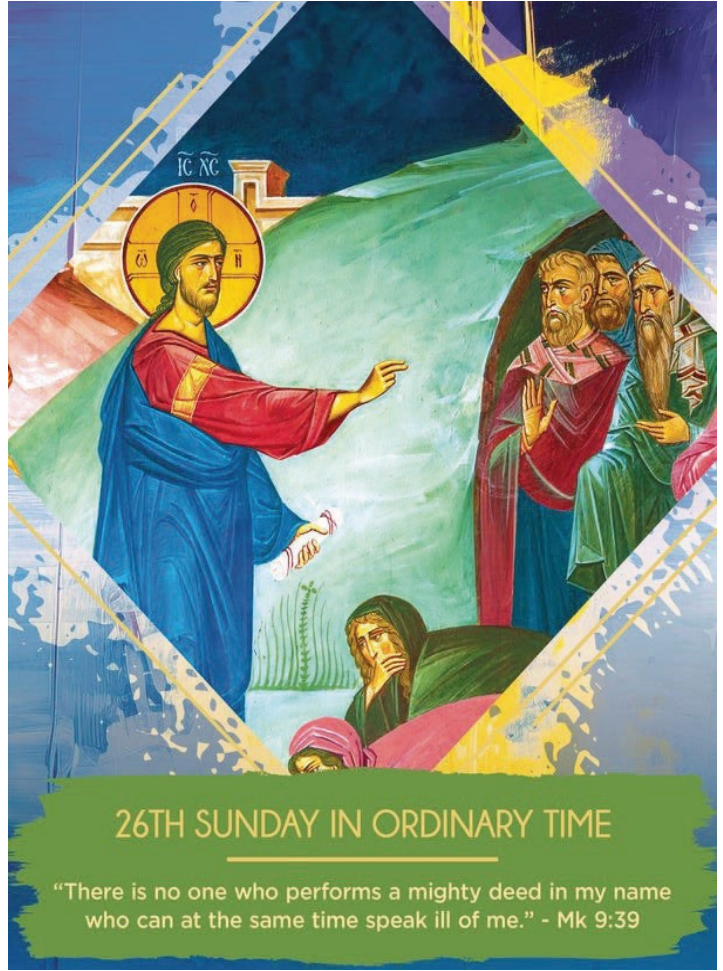
**Parish Phone:** 608-452-3841

**Website:** [www.stmarycv.org](http://www.stmarycv.org)

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

**September 29, 2024**

*Readings: 654B*



**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39*

**PASTOR**

**Fr. Joseph Richards**

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

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

**PARISH OFFICE**

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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

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

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings

September 29, 2024

1) Numbers 11:25-29; 2) James 5:1-6;  
3) Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Oct 04** ~ Pet Blessing in Viroqua at 5:30 PM
- **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  
~ Parish Social after Mass, all are welcome to stop down the basement for food and fellowship (no cost event)
- **Oct 26** ~ Wedding of Kelsey Brahmstadt and Greg Minter

### Intentions / Schedule

#### 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

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

#### TUESDAY, October 1

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

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

#### THURSDAY, October 3

*Weekday*

- 8:00am Mass - † Danny Powers

#### SATURDAY, October 5

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

-4:00pm Mass - † Arlene Seichter  
Altar Servers: Volunteers                      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Robert Kerska

#### SUNDAY, October 6

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

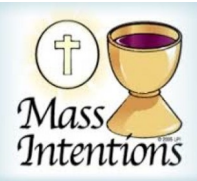
-8:00am Mass - † Olaf and Alice Haugen  
Altar Servers: Volunteers                      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Marlene Humfeld


Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Oct-full. Nov-full. Dec. 15. Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19.

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

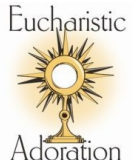
Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.






**Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**


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



**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
\$7,120.00	Received as of week 4
(\$2,880.00)	Difference for the Month



**CONFESSIONS**

Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Giving Last Week		9/22/2024	
Adult Env(21)	\$650.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	202.00	Received This Week	\$1,132.00
PCB (8)	\$280.00	Running total needed	\$76,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,132.00</b>	YTD Received	\$63,180.75
		Difference	(12,819.25)
RE Registration	\$35.00		



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

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

On Friday we celebrated the memorial of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent was around 400-something years ago and dedicated his life to service to The Poor. Just like Mother Theresa and her community, he had a knack for opening his eyes to the “needful thing:” focusing less on fixing the system and focusing more on the real need of the real person in front of him. I feel like we’re in a season around here of vocation/calling – recognizing that the Lord is putting real needs in front of me and in front of you and you and you. Sometimes that’s a matter of service, sometimes it’s a matter of exploring a relationship with Him, sometimes it’s a matter of restoring or discovering a relationship with other people.

Tangent time. I’m not sure if it’s a brag or not, but if it is, forgive me – I have a few mission trips under my belt. Through my time as a Catholic High School and University student and especially as a FOCUS missionary I’ve been privileged to participate in a number of mission trips around the world, and I hope this gives me a broad enough experience to say with justice that there are more helpful and less helpful approaches to mission trips. The less helpful trips tend to focus more on “I’m coming in to fix your problems” – so to speak “service tourism.” Don’t get me wrong, drilling a well to provide clean drinking water or putting a roof on a school are powerful gifts, but if there’s any kind of savior attitude about it things can get a bit toxic. More helpful trips tend to focus on relationship – I may be coming in to provide a tangible service, but that service specifically draws “Me” into encounter with “You.” That is, good missionary activity helps the missionary to encounter the people and the people to encounter the missionary.

Maybe another helpful lens is “hospitality,” or who’s welcoming whom. If a mission tripper is entering with the attitude of receiving the hospitable invitation to enter someone’s space, that is a different approach than “here I am to help you.” Yet another helpful way of looking at it is to ask the question “is this about me or about you?” I willingly admit I’ve landed on both sides of that question. An element that I particularly loved about FOCUS mission trips is intentional prayer – as we went about various service in foreign and domestic territory we structured in daily holy hours to give college students real time on the ground to process what they were experiencing and let the Holy Spirit grow those seeds into tangible fruits.

Perhaps that is a helpful example, perhaps not. You and I certainly don’t need to go to Peru or Indonesia to encounter Christ and “The Poor,” but sometimes intentionally going out of my way to serve (anear or afar) effectively wakes me up to recognize A) the world is bigger than me, B) the Lord desires my presence, service, and relationship with the people in His world, and C) there is a “needful thing” He is setting in front of me in every moment.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



### Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 13

#### Bake Sale Items Needed

The ladies of the parish are all asked to donate \$15 worth of baked goods/garden produce to be sold at the pancake breakfast. If you are unable to bring baked goods/garden produce a \$15 cash donation is acceptable.

#### 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.

#### **Pet Blessing - Oct 4 in Viroqua**

This coming Friday is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The Church has long recognized St. Francis as a special steward of God's creation and the patron saint of animals, and St. Mary's in Viroqua is hosting a pet blessing the evening of October 4 at 5:30 -- bring along your furry friends to honor St. Francis and receive this special blessing!

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time: 3-5 pm**

**Location: St. Mary Parish**

**900 Central Avenue, Coon Valley, Wisconsin**

Date: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 [StMaryformation@mwt.net](mailto:StMaryformation@mwt.net) \*\*\*UPDATED\*\*\* . Please leave your name(s), telephone number and which session you will be attending. Walk-ins will be welcomed.



## Parish Announcements continued

### Rosary Before Mass in October

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bob Kerska and Karen Callen will be leading the rosary 20 minutes before the weekend masses. All are welcome to come early and join us. Thanks!

### Parish Socials - Oct/Nov/Dec

A Parish Social will be held after the 8AM masses on Oct 20 by St. Cecelia Guild, Nov 17 by St. Rose Guild and Dec 15 by St. Theresa Guild. **There is no charge to eat at the socials so plan on stopping down after mass to visit with other parishioners.**

### Religious Education - Starts Oct 6

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](http://www.stmaryscv.org/religious-education)

### 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. Contact Melanie Halvorson ([melhalvor@gmail.com](mailto:melhalvor@gmail.com) or 312-315-9048) or sign-up on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### 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

### Fall Rummage Sale - Oct 4 & 5

Mary Mother of the Church-October 4th-5th, On Friday, October 4th, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 5th, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

### 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

## Diocesan/Local Announcement continued

### Blood Drive - Oct 14

St. Joseph Ridge ~ Monday, October 14 1-6:00 pm. Have you ever donated blood? If you have or if you have thought about donating, you have the opportunity on Monday, October 14 at the Town of Greenfield town hall. You can make an appointment on the Versiti website ([versiti.org/wi](http://versiti.org/wi)) or call 877-232-4376 or you can stop in on the 14th. Please consider. There is a great need!

### White Mass and Banquet – Oct 18

#### Honor Catholic Healthcare Professionals

Keynote Speaker: The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby. "Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of the Mission" How can we be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world? Join Bishop Battersby as he points us to the answer.

#### SCHEDULE for Friday, October 18

6:00 pm – White Mass Celebrated by Bishop Gerard W. Battersby – Annual celebration in which the faithful honor Catholic healthcare professionals.

7:00 pm – Banquet

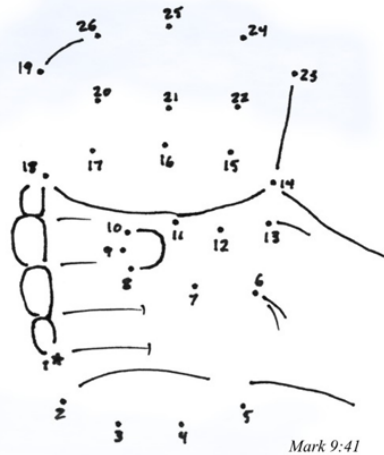
7:45 pm – Presentation

**LOCATION:** Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman | La Crosse

**TICKETS:** \$25/person \$15/for students

**REGISTER** at [DIOLC.ORG/GOSPELOFLIFE](http://DIOLC.ORG/GOSPELOFLIFE) or for more information, contact Christopher Ruff 608-791-0161 or Stephen Pavela, MD 608-788-5052

## Activity Corner



*What is it?*

*Connect the dots to find out!*

*Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that anyone who gives someone for His sake will receive their just reward.*

### 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)

# 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

