

# 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)

**October 27, 2024**

*Readings: 666B*



**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told  
him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he  
received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

## 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

Anthony Shay.....[ashay@diolclergy.org](mailto: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

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## COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bridget Goodwin.....[bladams50@gmail.com](mailto: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

Sunday .....10:30 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](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:** 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

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings

October 27, 2024

1) Jeremiah 31:7-9; 2) Hebrews 5:1-6;  
3) Mark 10:46-52

### Intentions / Schedule

**SATURDAY, October 26**  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
-4:00pm Mass - † Joseph Grabowski  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Robert Kerska

**SUNDAY, October 27**  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
-8:00am Mass - Mary Larson and Family  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mark Boland and Mike Kammel



**TUESDAY, October 29**  
Weekday  
- 4:30pm Adoration  
- 5:15pm Mass - For the Pastor

**THURSDAY, October 31**  
All Saints Day Vigil—**HOLY DAY**  
- 5:15pm Mass - † Lucas Seelow

**SATURDAY, November 2**  
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
-4:00pm Mass - † Leona Welsh  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Jeana LeJeune


**SUNDAY, November 3**  
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
-8:00am Mass - Mary Larson and Family  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

 <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> until <b>5:15 PM</b> Mass.	 <b>Confessions</b> <b>Saturday</b> 3:15pm to 3:45pm
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### Upcoming Events/Calendar

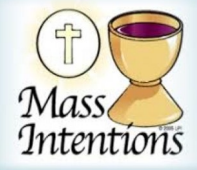
- **Oct 27** ~ Advanced Care Planning Workshop in Viroqua from noon to 2:00PM
- **Oct 31** ~ No 8 AM Mass, Vigil Mass at 5:15 PM for All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- **Nov 3** ~ Day Light Savings Time, 2:00 AM - fall back ~ Rel. Ed. after the 10:30AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Nov 4** ~ PCCW Meeting, 5:30 PM
- **Nov 8** ~ Rel. Ed. Movie night - Church basement 6-8 PM
- **Nov 12** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **Nov 17** ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Nov 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Dec 1** ~ Religious Education after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Dec 7** ~ Our Annual Craft Show at the Village Hall from 8 AM to 2 PM
- **Dec 15** ~ Rel. Ed. Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Dec 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass




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

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Oct-full. Nov-full. Dec. 15. Jan 4, 11 or 12, 18, & 19.  
**Open Weekdays:** Oct 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 October 11, 2024  
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00  
**Payments received: \$47,744.50**  
**THANK YOU!**



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,044.00	Received as of week 3
(\$2,956.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 11/25/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$3,450.00	\$2,450.00
Target Amount	\$14,050.00	\$14,050.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>\$10,600.00</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>
Percent Pledged: 24.56%, Percent Received: 17.44%		
Number Contributing: 10		
To donate online, visit: <a href="http://diolc.org/donate-online/">diolc.org/donate-online/</a> and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		10/20/2024	
Adult Env(27)	\$950.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	344.00	Received This Week	\$1,394.00
PCB (5)	100.00	Running total needed	\$84,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,394.00</b>	YTD Received	\$70,064.75
		Difference	(13,935.25)
Mission Sun(5)	\$125.00		

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

My last week was...filled up. Starting last Sunday I was up in La Crosse for the Diocese's annual Fall Ministry Days – one of two clergy gatherings every year (the other being the more social Priest Unity Days in June). Under Bishop Battersby's direction, the Diocese has entered a season of significant consultation and study to understand priest health, the needs of our Catholic people, and to look down the road at the coming landscape of Catholicism in Western Wisconsin. This study is a very real need – we are facing the reality of declining numbers (more now from natural death over the next fifteen years than from disaffiliation/"I'm outta here"), an increasingly clear polarization between secular and ecclesiastical (that's to say "of the Church") paradigms, and an abundance of beautiful churches built to serve the pastoral and geographic needs of the early to mid-twentieth century (with a few from the nineteenth century). In more places than Coon Valley and Viroqua we are also seeing a strange Holy Spirit-driven uptick in young to middle aged adults and their families returning to or discovering the Church, finding hope and meaning in a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. At this last week's gathering the Bishop unveiled his plan to study the state of his Church (that is, the Diocese of La Crosse) and to establish his people (that is, us) in Jesus Christ. Here's a snapshot:

**Phase One**, under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from July 2024-Lent 2025 – focusing on the priests of the Diocese, their health and relationship with God, and turning us from a self-focus to a focus on the incarnate God. Practical measures include enthroning the Sacred Heart in each rectory, blessing and exorcising parishes with regularity, providing regular adoration, fostering community among the presbyterate, and hosting a Mass of Reparation in Lent. In a sense, this phase is about taking a deep breath and spiritually rooting ourselves to listen to the Holy Spirit.

**Phase Two**, under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from Pentecost 2025-Lent 2026 – opening up consultation among the parishes of the Diocese to ask big questions: what are our real local needs, what are our resources, how can we share resources with each other, and where is the Lord leading us? This phase includes the formation of a team to weigh these needs and look at the Diocese broadly and the parishes particularly.

**Phase Three**, under the patronage of St. Joseph the Workman (patron of our Diocese), from Lent 2026 onward – pastoral planning in continued consultation and movement toward action. This phase will develop based on the work of the first two.

I have much more to say and will say much more as we go ahead. For now, three things. One, I am very hopeful and encouraged. Two, please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the way in all things. Three, I love you and I am grateful to be your Pastor.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



### NEWLY MARRIED

*"They are no longer two but one flesh.  
What God has joined together,  
let no man separate." ~ Matthew 19:6*

[theknot.com/us/kelsey-brahmstadt-and-greg-minter-oct-2024](http://theknot.com/us/kelsey-brahmstadt-and-greg-minter-oct-2024)

Congratulations to

**Greg and Kelsey  
(Brahmstadt) Minter**

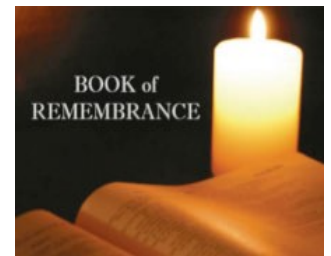
Married on October 26, 2024



ALL SAINTS' DAY

**Solemnity of All Saints is a Holyday of Obligation.** We celebrate this great remembrance of All Saints of the Church and encourage you to join us for the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass on Thursday, October 31 (we will not have the 8 am Mass this day).

We also recall our tradition of prayer for the faithful departed, especially on **All Souls Day, November 2**. Take a few moments to remember those you know who have died. Feel free to enter your loved one's who have passed this year in our Book of Remembrance in the back of church.



The practice of "Trick or Treat" should remind us of the willingness to receive and give without requiring something in return.

### Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026

Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. **Please contact the parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.**

### Mission Sunday (Oct 20) Follow Up

We will accept donations to the World Mission for the next two weekends. An envelope is in your packet and extra are in the back of the church. On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions will help sustain the Church's missionary work and bring the light of Christ to those who need it most. Let us continue to pray for our missionaries and the people they serve, and may we always be mindful of our call to be missionaries in our own lives. Thank you."

### Parish Socials - Nov 17/ Dec 15

A Parish Social will be held after the 8AM masses on 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.



## Parish Announcements continued

**The holidays are  
challenging when you're  
grieving a loss.**

### Surviving the Holidays

provides encouragement, support, and valuable  
tools to navigate the season.

**Join us for this 2-hour seminar**

Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the Holiday seasons. What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, no matter how long they have been gone! Please join us for this special event.

**Date/Time:** Sun., Nov. 10, 2024 from Noon-2 PM

**Location:** Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665

**Register:** email - [Stmaryparish@mwt.net](mailto:Stmaryparish@mwt.net) or  
call 608-637-7711 or online at: [griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays)

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibit at MMOC - Nov 9-11

The Exhibit will be available for viewing at Mary Mother of the Church parish on Saturday, Nov. 9th thru Monday, Nov. 11th, with a presentation by Patrick Brueggen on Monday, Nov. 11th at MMOC (2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, WI) at 7 pm. We highly encourage you to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival. **Viewing times at MMOC, of the Exhibit and Relics are:**

- Saturday, Nov. 9th 3 pm to 6 pm (Mass time is 4 pm)
  - Sunday, Nov. 10th 7 am to Noon (Mass at 8 am and 10 am)
  - Monday, Nov. 11th 5-7 pm Speaker Pat Brueggen at 7 pm.
- All are welcome to attend. No reservations necessary. This event is sponsored by MMOC PCCW and Men's Club**

### Family Fun Night - Nov 8

Join us at St. Joseph Ridge School Hall hosted by the St. Joseph Parish on Friday, November 8th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. The evening will offer many games of chance, basket raffles, and walk-around raffles for various items. There will be a cover charge of \$10.00 for a meal (which includes a Pork Loin sandwich, cheesy potatoes,...) and beverages. Please come enjoy our community!

### Annual Holly Berry Fair - Nov 9

Saint James & Providence Academy 58th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR. WHEN: Saturday, November 9, 2024, 8am-2pm. WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium. 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James Church. WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 9am-Noon. Homemade Beef Stew & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

### Annual Fall Bazaar - Nov 9

Join the members of Middle CV Lutheran Church (between Coon Valley and Chaseburg on Hwy 162) for lunch and a fun

## Diocesan/Local Announcement continued

filled hour (from 11 AM to noon) of craft items, baked goods, and a raffle drawing at 11:45.

### Catholic Charities Christmas Program

Catholic Charities works in collaboration with other Social Service Agencies across the Wisconsin Diocese of La Crosse offering Christmas assistance to hundreds of individuals and families needing help each holiday season. Each office location (Eau Claire, La Crosse, Wausau) provides services based on what the need is within their own communities. As Christmas is fast approaching, families are signing up for Christmas presents. If you would like to **sponsor a family**, please contact Shannon ASAP at 608-519-8011. If you would like to **donate gift cards** to local stores, please drop them off at your local Catholic Charities (Eau Claire-618 S. Barstow St., La Crosse-508 5th Ave. S, and Wausau-360 Grand Ave. Suite 800) by December 2nd. Thank you!



## Activity Corner



*What did Jesus and the blind man say to each other in today's Gospel reading?*

*Look at the picture in a mirror to find out!*

## 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)