

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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*Do not come near!
Remove your sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is
holy ground. Exodus 3:5*

March 23, 2025

Readings: 510C

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

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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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: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

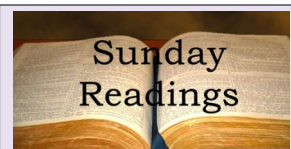
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm and Sunday from 7:15am to 7:45am

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.



March 23, 2025
 1) Exodus 3:1-8a
 2) 1 Corinthians 10:1-6
 3) Luke 13:1-9

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 22

Third Sunday of Lent
 -3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Tyler Turben
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, March 23

Third Sunday of Lent
 -8:00am Mass - † Members of the Roskos and Roningen Family (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord
 - 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Stations of the Cross
 - approx. 5:45 pm Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, March 27

Weekday
 - 8:00am Mass - Vicente Hernandez

SATURDAY, March 29

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 -3:15-3:45 Confessions
 -4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 -8:00am Mass - † Eric Norha
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

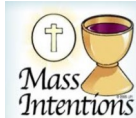


Upcoming Events/Calendar

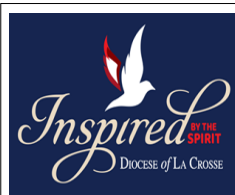
- **Mar 23** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM **time correction
- **Mar 25** ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 29** ~ Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 PM
- **Mar 30** ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- **Apr 1** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 2-4 PM
- **Apr 1** ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross -5:45 PM Mass
- **Apr 2** ~ Dcn. Tony Shay's Birthday
- **Apr 6** ~ Rel Ed after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- **Apr 8** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 2-4 PM
- **Apr 8** ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross -5:45 PM Mass
- **Apr 11** ~ Fr. Joe's Birthday
- **Apr 13** ~ Palm Sunday ~ Rel Ed Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ 1st Communion Prep Class in Viroqua 11:30-1:30 PM
- **Apr 14** ~ Confessions at the Cathedral 9AM-6PM
- **Apr 15** ~ Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse - 10:30 AM
- **Apr 17** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 1, 15 & 29. Jul 6, 13, & 20

Open Weekdays: Apr 3. May 1, 20, & 22. Jun-full. Jul 1, 8, 10, 22, 24, 29 & 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 office at stmarysev@mw.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of March 14, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
 Payments received: \$54,501.50
THANK YOU!



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,071.00	Received as of week 3
(\$3,929.00) Difference for the Month	

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

Annual Appeal 2024-2025		
As of 03/14/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$13,055.00	\$9,846.65
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Under Target	\$995.00	\$4,203.35
Percent Pledged: 92.92%, Percent Received: 70.08%		
Number Contributing: 26		
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		3/16/2025	
Adult Env(29)	\$1,780.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	265.00	Received This Week	\$2,130.00
Ash Wed	60.00	Running total needed	\$22,000.00
Cath Life Mag	<u>\$25.00</u>	YTD Received	\$19,254.00
Total	\$2,130.00	Difference	(2,746.00)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

In case you were not in last weekend, I'd like to follow up on some of what I shared in my homily about renewal and pastoral planning. Two weeks ago, Fr. Derek Sakowski invited me to sit on a council supporting him in his work of studying and communicating the needs and resources of parishes throughout the Diocese. I expect that this will be a multi-year project whose practical ambition winds up with A) the rearrangement of parishes and pastorates and B) a healthy long-term treatment of both people and priests. A good example of this work is the collaboration we've already seen between Coon Valley and Viroqua – an arrangement that (I think effectively) respects the needs of both parishes as well as the resources we have available to us (personnel, pastorship, finances, etc.).

The central reality here is that the Diocese today is in a different place than it was three decades ago and where it will be a decade from now. For a while we've known there's a shortage of priests (the so-called "vocations crisis"), and more recently we've recognized a concurrent crisis in changing demographics (the "people crisis"): long-time parishioners are aging, a large portion of middle-aged parishioners and families have disaffiliated themselves from religious practice, and a surprising number of middle-aged and young parishioners and families are returning to or seeking out the Church for the first time. There's a strange tension here – many of you have experienced the deep question "what do I have to do to bring my (fill-in-the-blank) back?" At the same time, here and elsewhere we are witnessing the humanly-inexplicable phenomenon of folks responding to the Holy Spirit and integrating themselves into the life of the Church, seeking out a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ and His people. All of this is to say that we are in a season of necessary change and development, and I am curious, excited, and more than a little nervous (not the right word) to see how things shake out. Our job is to listen together for the voice of the Holy Spirit and try our darndest to follow where He leads.

It is telling that when Fr. Sakowski called me to invite me into this process (which I short-handedly refer to as "pastoral planning"), he specified clearly "I want you to help me with this process of renewal – I don't even think 'pastoral planning' is the right term for it." "Renewal" – that is an important word. The Lord is renewing His Church always. He has been for the last 1,970 years and He will be for the next however-many years we have ahead of us. It is also telling that Bishop Battersby is inaugurating this process, roughly a year into his time as our Bishop, with a Mass of Reparation this coming Thursday (to which you are invited, 10:00 at the Cathedral), acknowledging and praying for restoration wherever harm has been done in our Church throughout our history. This is a healing and renewing process, and I invite you to join me in praying our way through it. If you have any questions along the way, I make the same offer I made last weekend – feel free to ask. I may not be able to give a full answer, but I'll endeavor to give a straight answer.

God bless you! Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Supper - Mar 30

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on **March 30, from 4-7 PM** in the church basement. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Help spread the word by posting a flyer from the back of church at your work or in the community or share our event of Facebook!



Celebrate the Life of Bryan Berg

Join the Berg Family in celebrating the life and legacy of Bryan J. Berg, a truly remarkable individual who touched so many lives.

Date: Saturday, April 19th, 2025

Location: Coon Valley American Legion Hall

Time: 1PM -5PM.

Parish Family,

If you are interested in participating in a parish-wide (non-monetary) birthday gift for Father Joe in April, please get into contact with Carly Zadow, either after Sunday Masses, or at 608-792-4872 / zadow2021@gmail.com.



Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Concluding - Mar 23



Please drop your bottles or envelope in the collection this weekend. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

Grief Share

Grief is a journey. It can often feel like you're walking alone in the dark or caught forever standing in a fog. No matter how long it has been since losing a loved one, grief can greatly affect your life, (spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, mentally, financially, etc.). Grief Share is a 13-week support program, being hosted jointly by the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Mary's Parishes. Here you will hear insights from grief experts, meet others who understand what you're going through and learn how to navigate your grief. Participants can share as much or little as they are comfortable. Topics to be discussed include anger, regret, loneliness, sadness, friendships, questions for God, feeling overwhelmed, selfcare and more. Please join us for Grief Share, where you can find comfort, strength, and hope! All are welcome.

When: Tuesdays 2-4 pm April 1st through June 24th, 2025

Where: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church 400 Congress Ave. Viroqua, WI 54665

Facilitators: Janet Olmstead, GC-C Deacon Anthony Shay, Ed. D, LPC, CRC

Registration Fee: \$20.00

To Register (or if you have questions), contact the Viroqua church office at 608-637-7711, email stmaryparish@mwtnet.net, or go to the website at www.griefshare.org

Tuesdays during Lent

Adoration 4:30 PM -

Stations 5:15 PM

Followed by Mass



Stations of the Cross

Parish Announcements continued

CRS RICE BOWL

You Can Help CRS Rice Bowl this Lent in Working to End World Hunger Millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, especially with the current precarious state of U.S. international aid. Bowls are in the back of the church.

Student Mite Boxes—Missionary Childhood Association

Students are asked to help other children less fortunate than themselves this Lent by filling the MCA mite box. These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.

PCCW Announcements

⇒**THANK YOU** to the Berg family for their donation of \$450 to the PCCW in memory of Bryan Berg.

⇒**Special Collection** - There will be a second collection at the April 26/27 masses by PCCW members. Donations will help the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women with the many programs they sponsor. This is a yearly collection. Please be generous with your donation.

⇒Our **next PCCW meeting** will be April 7th at 5:30PM.

⇒**Save the Date—PCCW Spring Luncheon April 26th**

⇒Meeting minutes are now posted in the back of the church.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Looking for a Lenten Fish Dinner

Check out this website: diolc.org/fishfrynder/

17th Annual Lenten Luncheon – Mar 26

Bishop Gerard Battersby and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 17th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 26! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. This year we are honoring Bishop Emeritus William Patrick Callahan with our In My Name Award! **Please RSVP online by Friday, March 21** as seating is limited. cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/ We hope to see you there!

Overcoming Challenges With Grit and Grace - Mar 29

Offered by the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse on **MARCH 29 in-person event** on Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (Doors open at 8:30 a.m., and the event begins at 9 a.m.) **Presenters:** Patty Wetterling, Stacey Lantagne, Rebecca Kaldunski, Mia Davis. **Investment:** \$75, includes continental breakfast and lunch. **To register:** www.FSCcenter.org | 608-791-5295. Our annual conference is a celebration of all women who have faced obstacles and ordeals yet preserved, kept the faith and emerged more resilient, with four inspirational speakers.

Fish Fry at St. Charles, Genoa – Apr 4

Come enjoy a delicious Fish Fry at St. Charles School, 707 Eagle Street, Genoa, WI on March 7, March 21, and April 4th! Eat in or get it to go. Serving from 5 pm - 7 pm or gone, in the cafeteria. Dinner includes: 3 pieces of cod fish, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a bun for \$15. Drinks and desserts sold separately. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!

Passion Sunday Concert - April 6, 2025

At the Shire of our Lady of Guadalupe on April 6th, Passiontide Concert: Via crucis (1879) by Franz Liszt, for soloists, choir and organ at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All fourteen

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Stations of the Way of the Cross are paired with music of Fauré and Bruckner. Andrew McDonald, conductor; Scott Turkington, organist, with baritone soloist Alan Dunbar. More information at GuadalupeShrine.org/Events

CV Luth Church Men's Club Fish Fry Fundraiser - Apr 9

Wednesday April 9th from 4:00-6:30pm the Men's Club will be holding a fish fry! The menu includes: 2 pieces of cod, broiled or batter fried, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert. **Tickets will be presale only, they will not accept walk ins. Presale tickets end on March 30.** The cost of a ticket is \$12.00. Tickets will be sold before and after worship services or by contacting Jamie in the office 608-452-3772 or Mike Lusk at: 608-452-3472 All proceeds will support Coon Valley Lutheran Church!

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS at the Cathedral - Apr 4

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral on Monday, April 14th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

15th Annual Meatball and Lefse Supper - Apr 26

Lower CV Lutheran Church is hosting their annual supper on Saturday, April 16 from 4-7:30 PM. Cost is \$15, Kids 6-12 \$10 and 5 and under free. Menu: Meatballs and gravy, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans, various desserts, coffee and mild. Carry outs available. Pick up some extra goodies from the bake sale. For info contact Teresa at 608-483-2612

See this Inspiring Documentary on Chalice of Mercy, and Help Ukraine:

“8 Days in Ukraine,” a superb 26-minute documentary on the work of Chalice of Mercy, filmed onsite in Ukraine, can be seen at diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy. While there has been talk of starting peace negotiations, Russian aggression has intensified. Valentyna Pavsyukova and her team risk their lives daily to provide life-saving medical and humanitarian supplies to the most dangerous areas of their decimated homeland. Please support them with your prayers and financial contributions. Visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy

The Activity Corner will be as an insert in the printed version of the bulletin during Lent, for the young and the *young at heart!*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- 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



SPAGHETTI & PASTA DINNER

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COON VALLEY WI

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

from 4 pm – 7 pm

\$12 adults \$5 kids under 12

Children under 3 free

Plate of spaghetti or pasta (gluten free rotini available) with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk, or water. Ice cream for dessert.

Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Carry-outs will be available.