

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)

Rectory: 400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665

Cell Phone: 608-606-9787

Email: jrichards@diolclergy.org

Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

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

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan

Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,

Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed

vacancy)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters

(Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and 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 fatherjoerichards@gmail.com 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.

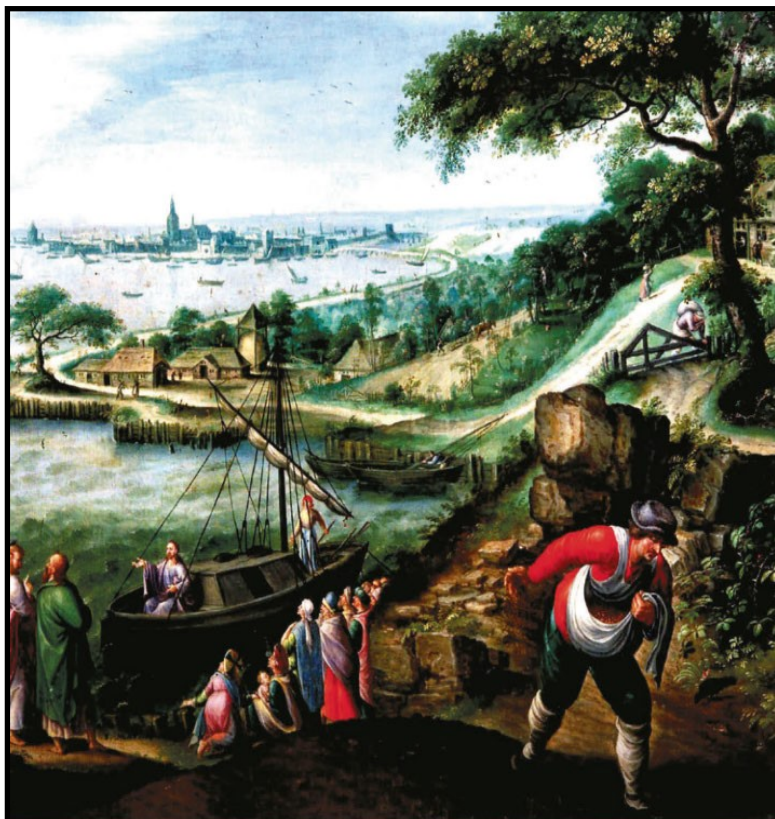
St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

July 16, 2023

Readings: 620A

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

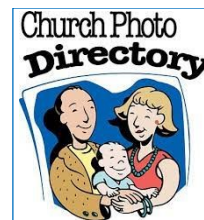
I'm in decompression and processing mode from a big Moment right now, so let me process with you a bit. This past week in Viroqua we celebrated the funeral Mass for Pat Klos, one of our longtime parishioners, a community regular, and (as a daily Mass goer) one of the first people I got to know by name. Every funeral is a Moment – just last week we celebrated the funerals of two more of our parishioners, and those Masses were powerful encounters with the Lord in community. Pat's funeral got a leg up, since she was also Fr. Michael Klos' mother. To give you a peak into the fraternity of priests, when a priest's mother or father dies, other priests tend to show up in force. Thursday was no different – I don't remember the head count, but I believe that in addition to the congregation that gathered we were at nineteen priests and the Bishop in attendance. That made for a beautiful extra element to the already-beautiful funeral liturgy. For myself, that made for a whole bunch of extra moving pieces (getting a bunch of professional liturgists to follow a liturgical gameplan is kind of like arranging the opening ceremonies at the Olympics). Thank you to all of you who participated in Pat's vigil and funeral and to all of you who have been praying for her, and thank you for every time you have participated in the dying and hopeful praying process of another one of our parishioners – it's one of the greatest gifts we can give somebody to raise that prayer of hope at the moment of and following death.

I'd like to call out a particular virtue Pat lived out in her daily life – her regular participation in our parish community's liturgical and social life. I mentioned that I got to know Pat's name early on partly because she's the mother of one of my brother priests, but especially because she was a frequent participant in our "extracurricular" daily liturgies and parish calendar. Consistent Sunday Mass attendance is absolutely indispensable for the life of a Catholic disciple, and it's what makes me very grateful to you for the way you join me every week in offering up this prayer. If you are looking to take your relationship with the Lord to the next level, let me invite you to join in some of those same extracurriculars that many of our brothers and sisters take part in – regular confession, adoration, and daily Mass. We share a regular Mass schedule of 5:15 in Coon Valley on Tuesday, 5:15 in Viroqua on Wednesday, 8:00 AM (CV) on Thursday, and 8:00 AM (V) on Friday. These daily Masses are a chance to encounter Christ in His Body and Blood and in His Word, just like on Sundays. After that Wednesday Mass we also have 45 minutes of adoration – a moment to be quiet and rest with the Lord in the middle of a busy week. We've got confessions 45 minutes before each weekend Mass, as well as during that adoration window – a chance in vulnerability of heart to be honest with the Lord about what's holding us back from Him and to invite His healing work to happen.

Let's be saints together! May God bless you and keep you always, ~ Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

New Church Directory Photos - Book Your Picture Time



It is time to schedule your picture to be taken for our new church family directory. The photographer will be here on **September 6, 26 & 27**. Be sure to schedule your appointment early so you can get a date/time that works best for your family. Appointments will be available from 2:00 to 8:36PM. Scheduling can be done on Saturday or Sunday before and after mass with assistance or online by yourself. **There will be help before and after mass on July 22, 23, 29 & 30. There will also be someone available to schedule appointments during the parish picnic for those who need assistance.**

The bulletin insert provides more information about the family directory pictures. For those able to schedule online themselves the back side of the flyer explains how this can be done. Please be sure to provide your phone number and an email so you can receive reminder messages. If you have problems scheduling or need to ever change your appointment feel free to contact Clarice Kammel. Her number is listed on the direction sheet.

The plan is to have everyone on the schedule by early August. Members who haven't scheduled by early August will be receiving a call from the directory committee. The parish is hoping to include pictures of all parish members in this edition of the family directory.

Parish Picnic Meeting

Another **parish picnic meeting will be held on Monday, July 24 at 6:00PM** to finalize plans for the event on Saturday, July 29. Anyone willing to help with the picnic is encouraged to attend. We will need help to do a variety of tasks so the more help we have the better. Both men & women are encouraged to attend.

Church Picnic



Mark your calendars!

**Saturday
July 29th**

11 AM—4 PM

Food, fun, and fellowship!
See today's insert for more information

Thank You

On behalf of the food pantry at the Bethel Butikk, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$182.00. Generosity from people like you help us continue to assist the less fortunate in our area. Your kindness and compassion are greatly appreciated.

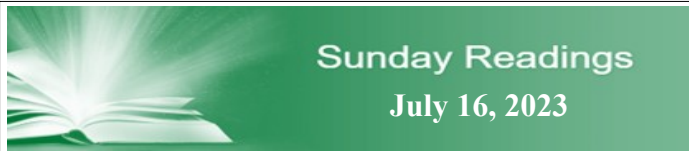
With deepest gratitude,

The Bethel Butikk Food Pantry



St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings July 16, 2023

- 1) *Isaiah 55:10-11*; 2) *Romans 8:18-23*
3) *Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9*

Intentions

Jul 15 ~ 4:00 PM - † Larry and Myrtle Geier
Jul 16 ~ 8:00 AM - † Joan Clements
Jul 18 ~ 5:15 PM - † Leyton Staflien
Jul 20 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family
Jul 22 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Jul 23 ~ 8:00 AM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 21, 22, & 29. Nov 19 & 25. Dec 2, 10, & 16.

Weekdays open: Oct 24, 26 & 31. Nov 7, 9, 14, 16, 28 & 30. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **July 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **July 24** ~ *Picnic Planning Meeting* 6 PM in the church basement
- **July 25-Aug 9** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **July 29** ~ *Parish Picnic - 11 AM to 4 PM*
- **August 8** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **August 14-18** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, No daily Mass

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday

7:15am to 7:45am



Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time) and Thurs. from Mass until noon.



Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand (608-606-9787)* or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.

Next Week in Service — July 22/23

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler	

Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to \$100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD. Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of July 11, 2023

Pledges received at the Diocese(23):
\$88,720.00

Payments received at the Diocese: \$22,560.00
Under Goal (\$16,280.00)

Percent of Goal Pledge: 84.50%

Percent of Goal Received: 21.49%



Needed for the Month of July

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$3,344.00 Received so far

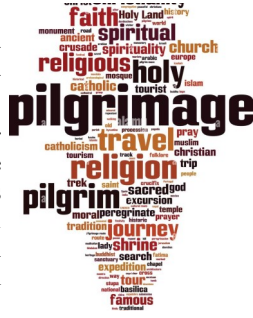
(\$6,656.00) Short for the Month

Giving Last Week		Week 28	7/9/2023
Adult Env(28)	\$915.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$184.00	Received This Week	\$1,104.00
All Saints Day	\$5.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$56,000.00
Total	\$1,104.00	YTD Received	\$48,535.51
		Difference	(7,464.49)

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Pilgrimage – Jul 31 to Aug 1

A motor coach pilgrimage is planned July 31 to Aug. 1 to the Benedictines of Mary Queen of the Apostles convent in Gower, MO to pray at the tomb of Sister Wilhelmina, who is thought to be incorrupt. Father Joe Redfern will serve as chaplain. Overnight accommodation will be in Kansas City. For more information email pjslattery9@protonmail.com or call (608) 452-4605



30th Annual Corn Boil – Aug 3

Door of Hope hosting their annual corn boil on August 3rd at the Vernon County Fair Grounds. 210 Fairground Rd, Viroqua, WI. Lunch hours 12 -2 PM and Dinner hours 4-7 PM. All the sweet corn you can eat! Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, 3 and under free. Corn to go: \$7/dozen. The meal also includes hot dogs, chips, beans, soda and ice cream. Bulk ticket purchase of 15 or more available prior to event for \$8 each. Contact Door of Hope at: door.of.hope@outlook.com with questions.



Catholic Charities Back2School Program

If you or someone you know is in need of school supplies, please fill out an application at: <https://bit.ly/453WPNw>. **Pick up events are August 8 (1-6:00 p.m.) & August 9 (7:30 a.m.-Noon) at the La Crosse Center and August 17 (5-7:30 p.m.) at the Mathy BGC.** Please choose your pickup location when filling out your application. If your family isn't in need but would like to assist those who are, please join us by donating items such as large size backpacks, heavy duty folders, washable markers, loose-leaf paper, scissors, etc. Thank you for helping students and families have a successful start to the new school year!!

Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 14-18

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 14-18. No experience needed. Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

Calling all single Catholics! Aug 25-27

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI *OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions.* This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). (If joining us in-person, use the promo code (PARISH23) when you register to get \$50 off! *Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.*) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

Vacation Bible School is BACK!!!

You heard right! Vacation Bible School for all the Catholic parishes in La Crosse is back! Save the date **August 7-11** from 9:00am-12:00pm for children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade hosted at Holy Trinity Parish. We will be taking a Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure this year at Vacation Bible School. A week of prayer, songs, stories, crafts, diving deeper into the power and mystery of God! Register using the QR code! **Deadline to register is July 28th.**



Activity Corner

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

so shall my word be

that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]

my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.



Answers: Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth word, sent.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net



St. Mary's Picnic on the Lawn

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH
11am- 4:00 pm

**Join us for a fun afternoon with
family & friends!**

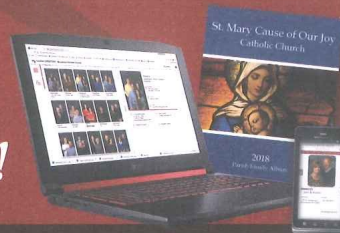
All are Welcome!

**Hog Roast, Bounce House, Dunk Tank,
Snow Cones, Kids Games and More!**
Live Music by Leather & Lace (12 - 2)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
900 Central Ave
Coon Valley, WI



Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!



Schedule your photo
time online

Photo dates:

- **Wednesday, Sept 6th**
from 2 PM to 8:30 PM
- **Tuesday, Sept 26th**
from 2 PM to 8:30 AM
- **Wednesday, Sept 27th**
from 2 PM to 8:30 PM



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



There will be help to schedule an appointment before and after Mass on July 22, 23, 29 & 30. There will also be someone available to schedule appointments during the parish picnic for those who need assistance.

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- ◇ Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- ◇ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- ◇ Enter your church code **wi259**
- ◇ Enter your church password **photos**
- ◇ Click on the Enter button
- ◇ Click on the desired photography date
- ◇ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ◇ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ◇ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ◇ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ◇ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- ◇ **Contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198 to change or cancel your photography appointment**