

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

September 21, 2025 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 652C

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

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Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

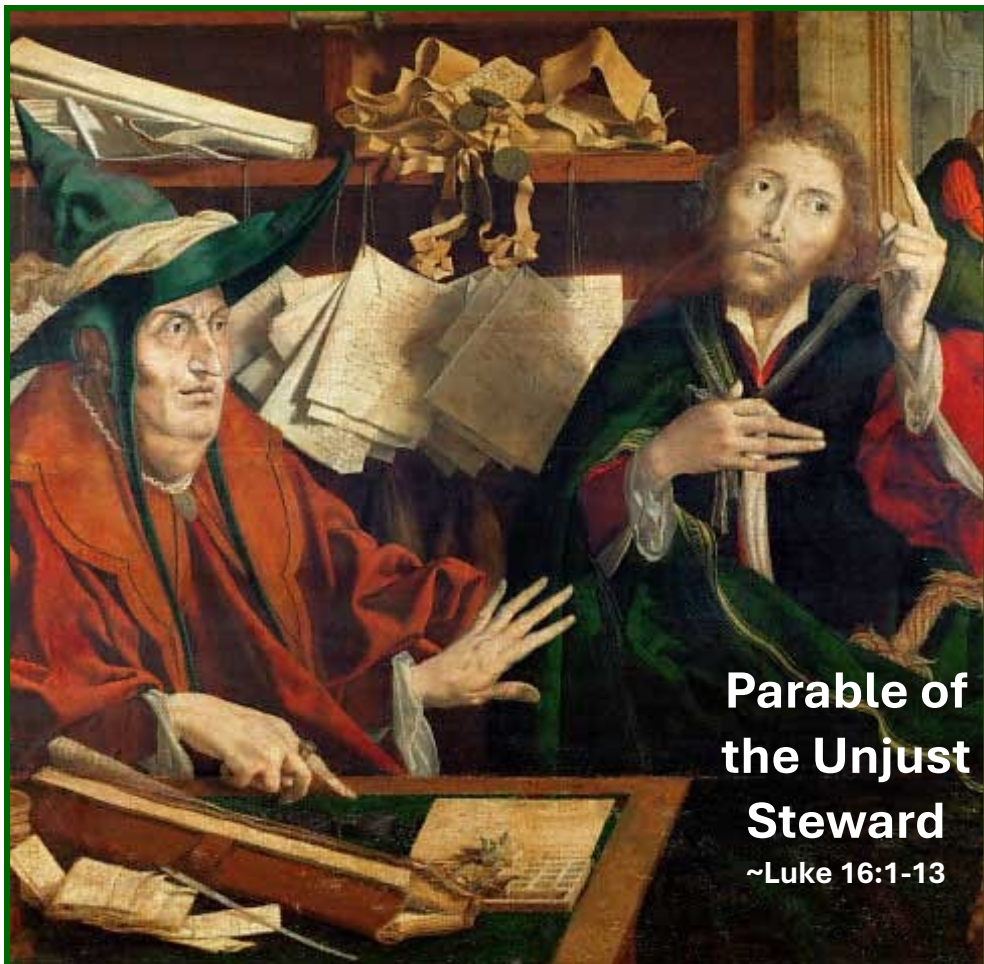
Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



Parable of the Unjust Steward

~Luke 16:1-13

Administrative Assistant

Amy Stafslie 608-452-3841
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Coordinator of Religious Education

Bridget Goodwin
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Parish Finance Council

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek,
Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John
Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

Fr. Joe also serving:

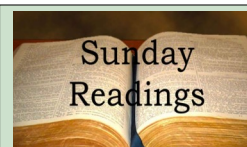
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



September 21, 2025

- 1) Amos 8:4-7
- 2) 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- 3) Luke 16:1-13

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Rose Marie LeJeune
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, September 21

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rod and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, September 23

St Pius of Pietrelcina

~ 4:30pm Adoration
~ 5:15pm Mass - † Cole J. Berra

THURSDAY, September 25

Weekday

~ 8:00am Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

SATURDAY, September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Roskos and Roningen Family Members
(living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, September 28

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 8:00am Mass - † Betty Gorman
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of September 5, 2025
Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$63,866.50
THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sep 20-Oct 2** ~ Amy on PTO, for admin needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **Sep 21** ~ Religious Education Registration (second opportunity) after 8 AM Mass here in Coon Valley ~ Parish Social after Mass, all are welcome for refreshments and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Catherine Guild
- **Oct 5** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Oct 12** ~ Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast** 7:30 AM until food is gone or noon (whichever comes first)
- **Oct 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 19** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ Parish Social hosted by St. Cecelia Guild
- **Nov 1** ~ All Saints Day
- **Nov 2** ~ All Souls' Day ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Nov 3** ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Nov 16** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ Parish Social hosted by St. Rose Guild
- **Nov 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Nov 27** ~ Thanksgiving Day
- **Nov 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent, begin Cycle Year A



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 5, 12, & 19. Nov 16 & 23. Dec 7, 13, 14, 27, & 28.

Open Weekdays: Oct 2, 9, 21, 23 & 28. Nov 25. Dec. 2, 11 & 23.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwtnet.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,235.50	Received as of week 2
(\$3,764.50)	Difference for the Month

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.

Giving Last Week			
Adult Env (28)	\$2050.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	249.50	Received This Week	\$2,604.50
Pancake Bkft(10)	270.00	Running total needed	\$74,000.00
Votives	<u>35.00</u>	YTD Received	\$70,491.56
Total	<u>\$2,604.50</u>	Difference	(3,508.44)
Food Pantry	\$118.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

A few weeks ago, we celebrated the feast day of an interesting saint, St. Peter Claver, the self-titled “slave of slaves.” St. Peter was a Jesuit 400 years ago who came from Spain to the Americas and dedicated his life to serving a singular demographic – Africans sold into the American slave trade. My imagination can’t stretch far enough to picture what it must have been like for these poor folks to live this story – abduction from their homes, being stripped away from family, being marched onto overpacked ships, enduring that voyage knowing nothing good was waiting at the end and having no idea what that nothing good would look like, and finally reaching American shores long weeks later and marched to another scattering from family and friend and brother and sister in a slave market.

St Peter injected himself into this scene, with his brothers wandering through the crowds of African captives to tend one sore, bathe one body, feed one hungry mouth at a time. Peter’s congregation had been effectively and efficiently stripped of every shred of humanity. Despite knowing their ministrations and ministry could do nothing to change the earthly fate of these folks or end the depersonalizing problem right in front of them, day after day Peter and company went out simply to communicate a very simple and very personal “you are human, I see you, I love you.” That message communicated something even more important “no matter what you’ve been put through and are being put through, even in the middle of this moment, Jesus sees you, knows you, and loves you.”

My friends, I want to put St. Peter Claver forward as a model of accompaniment. This is one of those pastoral momentums being asked for by our Bishop in his “missionary pivot” – going out of our way to enter into the lives of the lost, wounded, unwelcomed and hopeless and walk with them, showing Christ’s love, and inviting personally to an encounter with the God we hopefully know and love ourselves. Accompaniment is uncomfortable. It demands an ever greater and greater selflessness and other-full-ness. It demands open eyes to perceive the listless wanderer. It demands a love greater than any love I could ever generate or foster myself – it demands Jesus’ own life and love lived in mine (and at least for myself, the getting-out-of-the-way that needs to happen first). I believe that in both of my parishes we are being invited to three specific things right now: trust in God’s providence, the unity that comes exclusively from the Holy Spirit, and an expansion out of our own comfort and familiarity into missionary accompaniment. I ask you to join me in asking St. Peter Claver (and his modern colleague Mother Teresa) to help us enter this season.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 12, 2025



Spread the Word

A flyer is in today’s bulletin and extras are 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 please invite everyone you know.

PCCW Baked Goods

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.

PCCW Guild Assignments

Set-up St. Theresa, kitchen/dining room - St. Catherine, Bake Sale—St. Cecelia & Clean-up—St. Rose. Guild chairpersons will be calling members asking for help in their designated area. Please offer a few hours of your time to help make this a successful event for our parish.

Men’s Club Sign up to Work

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

Donate

As in past years, we are requesting at least a \$20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Envelopes for this purpose are in the back of the church by registered families or anonymous. Thanks for your support.

PCCW News

Weekend Parish Socials & Guild Hosts

- Sept 21 will be St. Catherine Guild
- Oct 19 will be St. Cecelia Guild
- Nov 16 will be St. Rose Guild
- Dec 21 will be St. Theresa



October Rosary

The rosary will be recited before the weekend masses during the month of October. Please come to church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate. If you are willing to lead the saying of the rosary contact Karen Callan.

Next PCCW Meeting

The next PCCW meeting will be Monday, November 3 at 5:30PM in the church basement

Listening Sessions

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session at a location near you. A team will travel to 40 sites inviting all of us to share in the process of strategic and pastoral planning. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures in church or visit: www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch



Parish Announcements continued

Religious Education Registration - Sep 21

All parents and students from Kindergarten through 10th grade should attend.

- **Sunday, September 21st:** After the 8:00 AM Mass in Coon Valley

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pat Obernberger at stmaryformation@mwt.net



Camp Gray Retreats: Link to register - <https://campgray.com/weekend-retreats/> \$35/attendee with Check In: Friday @ 7:00 PM and Check Out: Sunday @ 2:00 PM
Middle School Retreat, Oct. 10-12 with Reg. Deadline: Oct. 3, 2025 or Mar. 13-15 with Reg. Deadline: Mar. 6, 2026
High School Retreat, Nov. 14-16 with Reg. Deadline: Nov. 7, 2025 or Apr. 24-26, 2026 - Reg. Deadline: Apr. 17, 2026
Location: E10213 Shady Lane Road in Reedsburg, WI 53959 Interested families please contact Pat Obernberger, stmaryformation@mwt.net, for more information or to inform her if you register.

Thank You, Bridget Goodwin!



Our parish family offers heartfelt thanks to Bridget for her generous volunteer service in leading our youth religious activities every month. Her dedication, care, and faith-filled guidance make it possible for our young people to stay engaged and connected to their parish family here in Coon Valley. Bridget, your commitment is a true blessing to our community. We are so grateful for all you do!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Chili and Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle - Sep 24

Hosted by Coon Valley Lutheran Church, Wednesday, September 24 from 4-7 PM. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, children under 5 are free. Everyone is welcome!

40 Days of Life - Sep 24 to Nov 2

Opening Rally with Ramona Trevino. 12:00 Noon on Thursday, Sept 25 at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia Street, La Crosse, WI. Free lunch provided. For more details or to sign up, go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse>

St. Philp's Fall Festival - Oct 5

Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Philip Church, 42678 Church Rd., Soldiers Grove, WI. Meal of pulled pork sandwich, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, pie and ice cream \$12 for adults, \$5 children, under 6 free (carry-outs available), also offering baked sale, basket raffle, and raffle.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 8

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge hosting their annual Sauerkraut Supper on Wednesday, October 8 from 4 PM-7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pie. Cost \$16 for dinner, raw kraut (2.5 lbs) \$5. There is also a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles.

19th Annual Queen of the Americas Guild - Oct 17-18

Keynote speaker Cardinal Burke, for full conference schedule see the flyers in the back of the church or go online at: QueenoftheAmericasGuild.org.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Organ Recitals—St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Sept 28—Gabriel Rivera Bird

Oct 26—Daniel Schwandt

Nov 16—Chad Winterfildt

Sunday Afternoons at 3:30 PM, freewill offering

National Catholic Youth Conference - Nov 20-23

Conference will take place in Indianapolis, IN. Cost is \$800/ person includes: bus, hotel, conference fee and some meals. Bus departs Thursday, Nov 20 and returns, Sunday, Nov 23. For more information and to register visit: diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/ncychome/

Activity Corner

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.

A=Across D=Down



CANNOT
HATE
MASTERS
SERVANT
MAMMON
THE
SERVE
HE
DESPISE
YOU
TWO
ONE
LOVE
NO
DEVOTED
GOD
WILL

" 4D _____ 10D can serve _____ 6D
_____; 9D for either _____ 11D will _____ 16A
the one and _____ 2D _____ 14A other, or he
_____ 1A be _____ 5A to the _____ 7A
and _____ 5D the other. _____ 8A
_____ 12D _____ 13A _____ 3D and
_____ 15A "

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

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.

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

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

Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th • 7:30 AM—NOON

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

\$10.00

PER ADULT

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

**St. Mary
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**Our famous pancake
topping bar includes:**

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

