

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)

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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)

ORGANISTS

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.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.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

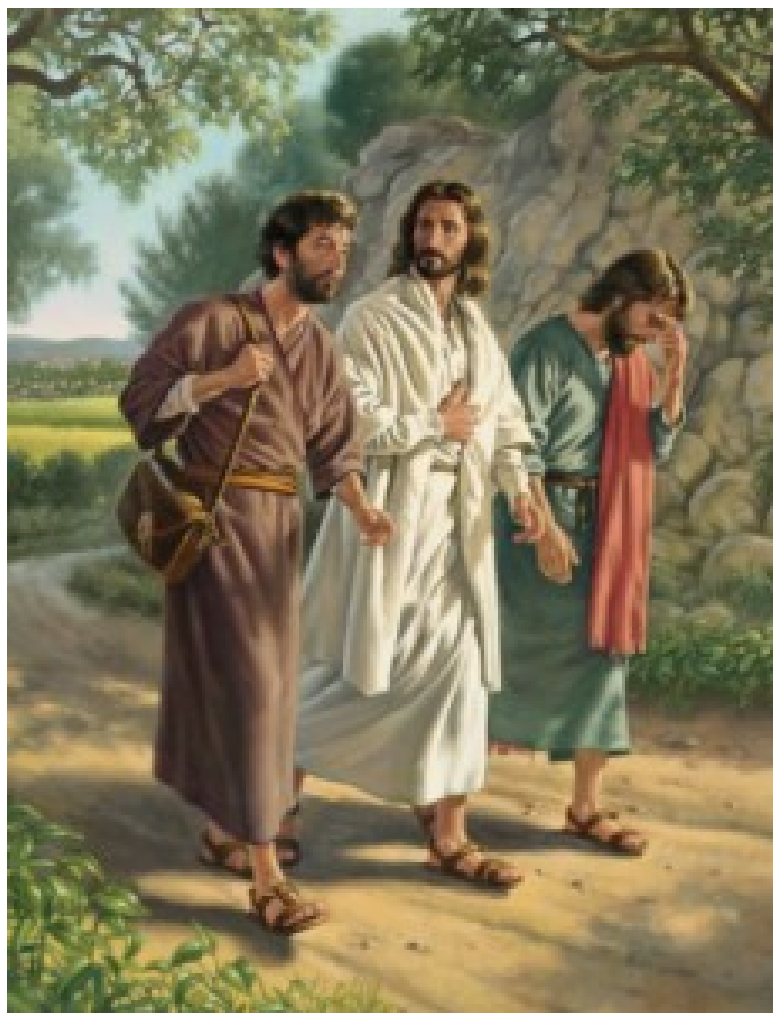
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StMarysCoonValley



Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Readings: 553A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings

April 23, 2023

- 1) Acts 2:14, 22-33; 2) 1 Peter 1:17-21
3) Luke 24:13-35

Intentions

- Apr 15 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
Apr 16 ~ 8:00 AM - † George and Bette Fleming
Apr 18 ~ 5:15 PM - † Raymond Sedevie
Apr 20 ~ 8:00 AM - † Leyton Stafslie
Apr 22 ~ 4:00 PM - † Stanley and Francis Kerska
Apr 23 ~ 8:00 AM - † Nevaeh Niemyjski

Mass Intentions

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

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 17, Jul 2, 29 & 30, Aug 6, 13, & 20, Sep 9 & 17.

Weekdays open: Jun 6 & 22, Aug 1, 29, & 31. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Apr 22/23

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

Readers:	Sat. – Nancy Peters	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman	

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-6:30 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.



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.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- April 24-28 ~ Fr. Joe on priest retreat, **no weekday Mass**
- April 27 ~ Catechism Group meeting 8:30 AM
- April 29 ~ PCCW Spring Luncheon 11AM to 1PM
- April 29/30 ~ *Inspired by the Spirit Reception* after Mass
- May 4 ~ Confirmation in Richland Center at 6:30 PM
- May 8 ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- May 9 ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- May 13/14 ~ Mother's Day weekend Rose Sale
- May 21 ~ HS Graduate Blessing during Mass, Religious Education end of year celebration after Mass.

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:

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

Catechism Study Group

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (there are a few exceptions) after the 8:00 AM mass for eight sessions. The **next meeting will be April 27**, with the following dates being May 11 & 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel.



Catechism



CONFESSIONS

Saturday

3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday

7:15am to 7:45am



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).

Giving Last Week

	Week 15	4/9/2023
No information available prior to publication	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
	Received This Week	\$2,681.00
	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$30,000.00
	YTD Received	\$28,156.00
	Difference	(1,844.00)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

In the fairly recent past I was listening to a favorite podcast of mine, "Abiding Together." It's two mothers (Heather Khym and Michelle Benzinger) and a religious sister (Sister Miriam James) deep diving every week into the human heart and the Holy Spirit's healing interaction with us. If you take nothing else from this weekend's article, take this recommendation to check out their podcast. Anyway, there was a line that popped out at me from this recent episode: "We do Lent very well, but we don't always live Easter well." That's a dinger, and completely true. Lent is such a driven and purposeful season – 44 days (pull out your calendar and do the math) of deep interior work structured around the very tangible themes "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving." The whole season is geared toward rooting out those places in my heart, mind, and schedule that are getting in the way of my relationship with the Lord and the people around me. In a sense, it's an entire season geared toward identifying places of death in my life so that I can hand them over to Christ to be resurrected in him into something new. If you did that Lenten work in a serious way, good job.

But what's just as important (I won't say "more" or "less" important) than the 44 purposeful days of Lent is the 50 days of Easter. Admittedly, if Lent is a long season, Easter is even longer, meaning my feeble attention span has even more wiggle room to get bored and wander away. Celebration and recreation aren't something that just happen naturally when we've got leisure on our side. Just like it takes real effort and real intention to exercise and get over ourselves in a season like Lent, it takes real effort and real intention to celebrate well in a season like Easter. Your Lenten success meant learning to trust the Holy Spirit to lead you into freedom. Now that we're in Easter, keep that same level of intentionality/intensity inviting the Holy Spirit to lead you to live differently in resurrection time.

So allow me to put an invitation out there – if during Lent you put in extra effort in prayer (like an extra weekday Mass or praying each morning with the weekend's Gospel) don't lose the good momentum you gained. Keep up the tangible schedule changes that've been drawing you closer to God. If you dedicated your Lent to tangibly rooting out some real roadblock (chastity, sloth, intemperance, etc.) don't go back to living the same way you lived before Lent. Presuming you gave up a potentially good thing like meat or alcohol or social media and not a necessarily damaging thing like porn or dishonesty or hasty judgment, let yourself enjoy the good things you gave up before, but in a new and matured way. As my boy St. Paul says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

May God bless you and keep you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

PCCW Spring Luncheon Next Saturday - Apr 29

Our annual Spring Luncheon will be held April 29th in the church basement. Serving is from 11:00AM-1:00PM. The meal consists of a variety of salads, meat & cheese trays, crescent rolls and bars. Please invite your friends to join you for this delicious meal. The cost is only \$7. Members of St. Catherine & St. Cecelia Guilds will be serving this year and are asked to provide one large salad each. The guild chairpersons will be contacting members to help work at this event. We will need help with set-up the night before at 6:00PM. and during the luncheon.

Inspired by the Spirit **Campaign**

Our Parish has started the process of setting up this campaign. We prayerfully ask you to **attend the upcoming reception (weekend of April 29/30)** to learn more about the details of the funding opportunities for our parish and the Diocese. The *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.



Rosary for the Month of May

May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, we will be reciting the rosary before the weekend masses in May. If you are interested in helping with this, please call or text Karen Callan 608 397-3490. Thanks! Be at the church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

St. Charles School Spring Carnival – Apr 23

Fun for the whole family! Please join the St. Charles School for games, raffle, a dessert walk, food and beverages. on April 23rd 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Call (608)689-2642 for more information

Founders Day-Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation-Apr 23

The annual Founder's Day Celebration will take place on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at the **Radisson Hotel Ballroom**. The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation invites all to attend. For info or to RSVP visit; aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day

Chicken-Que - May 11

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

5 Day Youth Choir Camp - Jun 19-23

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18) June 19-23, 2023, 9:15am - Noon . Many elements of music will be studied each day, with emphases on singing, tuning and intonation, rounds, Gregorian chant, hymns, chanting of Psalms, games and of course fun! The entire group will come together twice each day, singing things they've learned, and will also sing for the 12:15pm Mass in the Shrine Church each of the five days.

Register online at www.guadalupe Shrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Amara Rose Foundation - located in Westby

Honoring lives lost to addiction by raising awareness, educating, promoting prevention and **helping those struggling with addiction**. Drug use and overdose deaths are at an unprecedented level...This is a fight we cannot afford to lose, and it will take as many of us as possible to combat the epidemic. While abusing any type of drug or alcohol can cost a life, fentanyl is the biggest killer in our country right now. A lot of our focus will be on combating the fentanyl epidemic. One life lost is too many. Visit: www.amararosefoundation.org or email info@amararosefoundation.org If you or someone you know need needs immediate help, dial 988 to reach a trained crisis worker. Substance Abuse Hotline: 1-800-662 HELP or online chat at 988lifeline.org

UNSCRIPTED with Chris Rogers

It's a new web series where we simply talk with people from around the Diocese of La Crosse about faith, vocation, life, family, and whatever else comes up in conversation. **Episode 5: Fr. Sam Martin - A Conversation About Everything.** "UNSCRIPTED" Link: visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5WK4j3QxGU>



Activity Corner

Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35 Word Search

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VILLAGE EMMAUS FACES
 DOWNCAST ISRAEL FOOLISH
 ORDAINED GLORY EVENING
 BREAD BLESSING RECOGNISED



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

Spring Luncheon

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 29th, 2023



Only \$7 per person

Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch.

Lisa Olson, children's book author, will present her newest book at 11:30 AM

Questions? Call 452-3841

**St. Mary's Parish
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Door Prizes

Offered by St. Mary's PCCW,
all proceeds go to support
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