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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm
Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Upon request

PARISH OFFICE

Amy Staffslien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841
Bulletin deadline:Wednesday
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinatorposition vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Loree Nickelotti - lnickelotti@gmail.com
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Multiple Vacancies

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

ORANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris Carskadon.

Fr. Matt also serving at:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM
Sunday10:30 AM
Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Call or email Fr. Matt. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND mmarshall@diolclergy.org. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt 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. <https://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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes" by Sr. Patricia Reid, RSCJ

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

July 25, 2021

Readings: 627B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

- 1) 2 Kings 4:42-44
- 2) Ephesians 4:1-6
- 3) John 6:1-15

FOCUS: Offer your gift, however inadequate, with thanksgiving, trusting the power of God.

Today's sign from John's Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand, shows the power of God. The boy gave five loaves and two fish. It was a small amount, but it was all he had. Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and God provided food for many. We, too, can benefit from these three steps: Offer what we have. Give thanks. Expect God to act.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading, Elisha the prophet directs his protesting servant to give his barley loaves to the people to eat. The Lord multiplies this offering and feeds a hundred people, with some left over. Paul urges the Ephesians to live in humility, working to preserve unity. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

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Next Week in Service — July 31/Aug 1

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

Reader:	Saturday — Marlene Humfeld Sunday -Volunteer
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Intentions

Jul 24 ~ 4:00 PM -†Edward and Anna Kerska
Jul 25 ~ 8:00 AM -†Sylvester Dowiasch
Jul 27 ~ 6:30 PM - †Joan Urbanek
Jul 29 ~ 8:00 AM -†Albert and Stella Hohlfeld
Jul 31 ~ 4:00 PM -†William and Rose Marie LeJeune
Aug 01 ~ 8:00 AM -†Allen and Mercedes Christen

Giving Last Week		Week 29	7/18/2021
Adult Env.(30)	\$1,910.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$125.34	Received This Week	\$2,035.34
Total	\$2,023.34	YTD Needed	\$55,400.00
		YTD Received	\$55,548.53
		Difference	148.53

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **July 31/August 1** ~ Pastoral Council Nominations Weekend
- **August 11** ~ 10th Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse
- **August 14/15** ~ Pastoral Council Elections Weekend
- **August 17** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **December 4** ~ St. Mary's Annual Craft Show, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the CV Village Hall

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook:

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

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)

When Giving Is All We Have

by Alberto Ríos

*One river gives
its journey to the next.*

We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.

We have been better for it,
We have been wounded by it—

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.
Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you
What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.

Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, 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 and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

From Fr. Matt

Pastoral Council Nominations and Elections

It is time...the Pastoral Council needs new members. The Council meets about 5 times per year to advise the pastor on a variety of topics concerning pastoral planning and other parish activities. Please consider names of persons you might recommend for a ballot. You may nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a good fit for the position. Please give this some prayerful consideration.

We will collect nominations during the offertory on July 31 - Aug 1 at Mass. Fr. Matt will contact those nominated for acceptance. **The election will be held the weekend of Aug 14 - 15 during Mass.** Instructions for voting will be offered next week, including how to vote if you can't be present that weekend.

Parish Announcements

Thank You

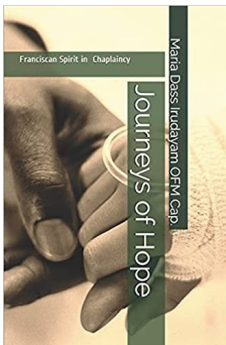
The Butikk would like to thank you for your continuing support. It is because of organizations such as yours that we can continue our mission of assisting those in need in our area. With grateful hearts, *The Bethel Butikk Food Pantry.*

The Annual Craft Show is a "GO"

The PCCW will again be hosting the Annual St. Mary's Craft Show at the Village Hall on December 4, 2021 from 8 AM to 1:30 PM. **Crafter Registration is now open** and letters are on their way to past crafters. Registration form and information has been posted to our website at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show>

St. Mary's will have its own craft table at the craft fair this year for any parishioners who enjoy doing crafts and would like to donate items to be sold at the craft fair with proceeds benefiting the parish. Prices should be marked on the items in advance and they will be collected about a week before the event.

Journeys of Hope: Franciscan Spirit in Chaplaincy



"Peace and good will to you. This is Fr. Maria Dass. I hope you are well. I want to break this silence. I do miss our church and our lovely people. I just thought of you to say hi. I'm in Dubai. I continue my journey as a missionary. Pls keep me in your prayers. I have published a book of my experience as a chaplain at the hospital. I thought you may love to read it. Take care. Be safe. Praying for you. I am happy to say hi to all our people of St. Mary's. Here is a link to my book on

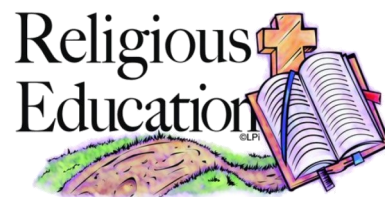
Amazon, if you would be interested in reading it. Thank you."

With love, Fr. Dass, Capuchin

https://www.amazon.com/Journeys-Hope-Franciscan-Spirit-Chaplaincy/dp/B096TQ4STD/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=journey+of+hope+Franciscan+Spirit+in+Chaplaincy&qid=1623512030&s=books&sr=1-1-spell

(A copy of the book, purchased by Robert Kerska, is on display on the table in the back of church.)

Parish Announcements continued



We are going to try and offer **Religious Education (RE)** as it has been available in the past (pre-COVID). **If you are feeling called to teach**, please contact our parish office.

Parents: RE registration materials will appear on the parish website in August. Some paper copies will be available in church. **Once available, we ask that your return the registration information as soon as possible (or at least by the first day of class).**

Coordinator of Religious Education Needed

We are seeking an individual to fill the part-time position of Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). **This is a paid position.** The CRE will work with Fr. Matt to run the Religious Education Program here at St. Mary's. For details about the position please talk to Fr. Matt or contact the parish office.

We are proud to announce the baptism of:

Adelaide Yvonne Kararo

Child of Matthew James Kararo and
Alex Theresa (Madsen) Kararo



~ We welcome her to the church and congratulate her parents ~

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Grandparents Day – July 25th

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the **celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Sunday, July 25th will be the celebration of the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation, and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 25th-31st—The diolc.org/nfp web page now has a quiz that helps couples choose which method would work best for you. Registration for courses through website, diolc.org/nfp.

National Conference for Single Catholics

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country at the

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Diocesan/Local Announcements

20th National Conference for Single Catholics - August 20th-22nd, 2021 at the Omni Interlocken hotel in Broomfield, CO. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

Week of July 18th Readings

By: Kieran J. O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 26 July *St Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM*
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34

It's a bit of a surprise to find such a frank and sudden collapse into gross idolatry...and yet, with more sophistication perhaps (!), we all do it, molding God into our own image and likeness!
Matthew 13:31-35

Today, we have the contrast between small beginnings and extraordinary growth and the hospitality of the Kingdom.

Tuesday 27 July

Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28

What is God like? In our reading today two sides of God are held in tension: 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness; for thousands he maintains his kindness, forgives faults, transgression, sin; yet he lets nothing go unchecked, punishing the father's fault in the sons and in the grandsons to the third and fourth generation.'

Matthew 13:36-43

This explanation of the parable is certainly secondary and a little different to the original meaning of unstoppable growth. However, it gives us a window onto the experience of the early Christians and perhaps onto our experience as well. Matthew has supplied the dental imagery which is typical of him (6-0-1).

Wednesday 28 July

Exodus 34:29-35

Something happened to Moses in his encounter with God and afterwards, he was "different." St Paul reflects on this, contrasting the old and the new, in the second Letter to the Corinthians: Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. (2Corinthians 3:12-13)

Matthew 13:44-46

Two very mini parables with the same teaching: for those who discover it, the king is worthy all that I am, costing not less than everything.

Thursday 29 July *Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38

Often in Bible, God is presented as God-with-us or Immanuel. God's presence is symbolized in today's reading by the cloud.
Luke 10:38-42

There is a choice of Gospels today. The Luke story of Mary and Martha (unique to this Gospel) is well remembered, usually by those who busy themselves, thus missing the point.
John 11:19-27

This reading is often and very appropriately read at funerals. Who has not felt the power of "If you had been here..."? And the Gospel takes us to the central teaching of this Gospel: Jesus in his person is the resurrection and the life.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Friday 30 July *St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor*
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37

Today, the feasts of the Jewish calendar are enumerated if not all named: Passover and Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, the Day of Atonement, Tabernacles. Our Christian feasts of Easter and Pentecost are rooted in this Jewish calendar.

Matthew 13:54-58

The gospel reading may trigger complacency — the natives were unable to "hear" Jesus because they know him. But we can all block our ears and even block the work of Jesus.

Saturday 31 July *St Ignatius Loyola, priest and religious*
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17

The Jubilee year was to take place every fifty years—it symbolized the desire to be free, not to bound by the accumulation of debts. Its not really known if this was ever in reality practiced, but the desire is surely a reality! Who would not like such a year?

Matthew 14:1-12

The death of John the Baptist is a sad, even absurd ending to a fiery career. It is reported Mark and Matthew, both of whom use it a warning about the cost of discipleship. It is omitted in Luke and John, probably to avoid any comparisons with the unique death of Jesus. We know a little more about it from Josephus, whose version is less theatrical but rather more credible. See *Jewish Antiquities* 18

KIDS CORNER



Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus _____ the bread and fish.

Answer: multiplied