

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

August 17, 2025 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 637C

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



**I HAVE COME
TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE,
AND HOW I WISH IT WERE
ALREADY BLAZING!**

Luke 12: 49-53

Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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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

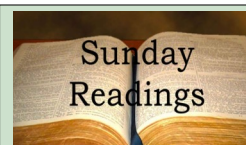
Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



August 17, 2025
 1) *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*
 2) *Hebrews 12:1-4*
 3) *Luke 12:49-53*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 16

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - † Ronald and Jeanette Hammes
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, August 17

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, August 19

St. John Eudes

- 4:30pm NO Adoration
 - 5:15pm NO daily Mass

THURSDAY, August 21

St. Pius X

- 8:00am - Communion Service

SATURDAY, August 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - All Roskos and Roningen Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, August 24

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$3,248.25 Received as of week 2

(\$6,751.75) Difference for the Month

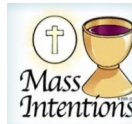
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 11-22** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO to the Boundary Waters
- **Aug 16 & 17** ~ Welcome Fr. Parr help out priest
- **Aug 19** ~ No daily Mass
- **Aug 20** ~ In Viroqua, Communion Service at 5:15 PM
- **Aug 21** ~ Communion Service here, 8:00 AM
- **Sep 7** ~ Rebuild My Church listening session in Viroqua at noon
- **Sep 8** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Sep 14** ~ Religious Education Registration in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass
- **Sep 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship following 8 AM Mass
- **Sep 21** ~ Religious Education Registration (second opportunity) after 8 AM Mass here in Coon Valley



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Sep 21 & 28. Oct 5, 12, 19 & 25

Open Weekdays: Aug 26. Sep 2, 9, 11, 16, 25 & 30. Oct 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, & 30.



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 stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of August 8, 2025

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$61,441.50

THANK YOU!

Giving Last Week			8/10/2025
Adult Env (28)	\$1,785.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	251.00	Received This Week	\$2,036.00
Total	\$2,036.00	Running total needed	\$64,000.00
		YTD Received	\$60,823.56
		Difference	(3,176.44)

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.

From the Pastor

LISTENING SESSION



Hello friends,

I'd like to invite you all to one of our upcoming Listening Sessions (a part of the pastoral/strategic planning work at the Diocese, formally titled "Rebuild my Church"). Fr. Derek Sakowski is heading up this whole process and moving us now into the next phase—a series of townhall style evenings or afternoons to share vision with the people of the Diocese and (most importantly in reality and in intention) to hear from the people of the Diocese what their needs, fears, strengths, and hopes are. When we started this whole process up a year or so ago, there was some desire amongst the priests to jump right ahead to "what's the plan?" It's a fair request, and I'm grateful to have witnessed my brother priests and yourselves allowing it to be tabled. While it takes a lot more work to make something truly consultative, I've been impressed by the slow-and-steady work of sparking and building momentum rather than skipping gears to the end.

Anyway, we're shooting for some 40 of these Listening Sessions over the Fall and getting it started early in the Richland Center Deanery. **Our first session will be right in Viroqua (I imagine Marian Hall) on September 7 at Noon.** This will give folks a chance to get kids home after Mass as needed, grab a quick bite, or come in from other parishes' Masses. We want and I want you to come if you're a time/resource/position-invested stakeholder in the parish, if you're a there-every-weekend parishioner, if you're sporadic- or travelling-often parishioner, if you're... That's to say I just want you there. The whole goal of this process is to understand where we are as a People, to have the best sense we can of where the Holy Spirit is moving and where He is leading His people, and to take into clear account how the Lord is inviting us as a Diocese to respond to present and future needs and opportunities with present and future resources. Scarcity, fear, the deeply-ingrained narrative of old grievances and wounds – these are all important to notice specifically so we can hand them to the Lord in freedom. The Holy Spirit is inviting us into a season of curiosity and opportunity here – let's walk into it together!

The short version: mark your calendar for September 7 at noon in Viroqua.

God bless you all,

Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

Religious Education Registration Dates

It's time to register for our upcoming Religious Education year, and we are so excited to welcome your children back. Come and learn about the formation opportunities and sacramental preparation for the upcoming year. Family of Faith is in year four of its four year cycle; and we will have materials to hand out, along with Safe Environment grade appropriate training. CGS is growing with a second level atrium, and we will continue to promote Bible studies for all ages. Keep an eye on bulletin calendars and/or send an email to stmaryformation@mwt.net if you have any questions.



Religious education is a vital part of our children's faith journey, and we encourage all families to participate. **All parents and students from Kindergarten through 10th grade should attend.**

We have made it easy to register with two convenient dates:

- **Sunday, September 14th:** After the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Sunday, September 21st:** After the 8:00 AM Mass in Coon Valley

This is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered and prepare for a wonderful year of learning and growth in faith. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your input is needed for the future of our church!

The "Rebuild My Church" initiative is a critical, three-year effort to plan and strengthen the Diocese of La Crosse which began in May of 2023. Now it is your chance to directly contribute to the future of our community.

Please make plans to attend one of the upcoming Deanery Listening Sessions. Your attendance is vital, as these sessions are designed to gather your thoughts and insights.

- **September 7, Noon in Viroqua**
- September 10, 6:30 PM in Keyesville
- October 2, 6:00 PM in Hillsboro

Don't miss this opportunity to help shape our church's next chapter.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Moving Through Grief Together

Emplify Health by Gundersen Drop-In Grief Support Group First and third Saturdays of every month Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Location: Ross Conference Room, Emplify Health by Gundersen Hospital-La Crosse Campus, 1900 South Ave., La Crosse, WI. The sessions are free of charge and advance registration is not required. The group is open to the public (visitor guidelines must be followed). Directions to the Ross Conference Room are available at the hospital main entrance information desk. Upcoming 2025 dates: August 16; September 6 & 20; October 5 & 19; November 2 & 16; December 6 & 20

Single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the **20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025!** (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online

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socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code **PARISH25** for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter | September 12-14, 2025 | Dubuque, IA. Married couples, Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.

Walking with Women Praying with Scripture - Sep 18

First gathering Thursday, September 18 at 6 PM St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral (St. Joseph Hall). Come and share your faith and journey toward a deeper love of Christ through Lectio Divina! Contact: walking9praying8@gmail.com. Text/Call: 608-518-7655. Meeting dates: Sep 18, Oct 9 (potluck), Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 29, Feb 19, Mar 12, Apr 9, and Apr 30 (potluck).

Franciscan Spirituality Center Celebrates 40 Years - Sep 22

On Monday, September 22, 2025, the Franciscan Spirituality Center will celebrate this major milestone — 40 years of service, reflection, and **spiritual growth — with a special event open to the public. This anniversary commemorates the original proclamation that established the center as a place of healing, learning and connection in the heart of the community.** Please join us at 4:30 p.m., with a formal welcome at 5 p.m. The evening will feature a special blessing by Bishop Emeritus William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv., honoring the FSC's mission of being dedicated to anyone seeking God, meaning and wholeness. As we reflect on these 40 years, we cordially invite you to join us and kindly ask you to RSVP by calling 608-791-5295 or use their website: <https://www.fscenter.org/>

Rural Life Day - Sept. 22, 2025 - Warrens, WI

Join us for the 44th Annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, Sept. 22! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00 AM will be followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops, and machinery, and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.

Mass of Hope and Healing | Sep 23 |

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A book of remembrance will be available before and after Mass for those who would like to inscribe the name(s) of their child (ren). Votive candles will be given to families before Mass in remembrance of each child. Candles will be lit and carried forward by family members, just before the entrance procession, and placed before the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, refreshments will be served along with a display of resources and books in the Gathering Space



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Organ Recitals—St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Sept 28—Gabriel Rivera Bird

Oct 26—Daniel Schwandt

Nov 16—Chad Winterfeldt

Sunday Afternoons at 3:30 PM, freewill offering

Activity Corner

Follow the Leader Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and unscramble the letters from the boxes to fill in the spaces at the end!

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so _____ a cloud of witnesses,

let us rid _____ of every burden and sin that clings to us

and persevere in _____ the race that lies before us

while _____ our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and _____ of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before _____.

he endured the cross, _____ its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the _____ of God.

Consider how he _____ such opposition from sinners,

in order that you may not grow _____ and lose heart.

_____ !



ENDURED
OURSELVES
PERFECTER
KEEPING
WEARY
HIM
GREAT
DESPISING
THRONE
RUNNING

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.