



# St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

**Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay**

January 18, 2025 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 581A

## CONNECT WITH US

### PASTOR

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### Office Hours in the Sacristy

Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass  
Thursdays after Mass until noon or by appointment

### DEACON

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### Parish Phone

608-452-3841

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### Email

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### Website

[www.stmaryscv.org](http://www.stmaryscv.org)

### Social Media

[www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://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



#### Administrative Assistant

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#### PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

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

#### Coordinator of Religious Education

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#### Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548  
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#### Parish Finance Council

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

#### Fr. Joe also serving:

#### Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

#### Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm

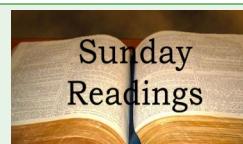
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm

Fri - 8:00am

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte



**January 18, 2025**  
 1) *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*  
 2) *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*  
 3) *John 1:29-34*

## Intentions / Schedule

### SATURDAY, January 17

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

~ 4:00pm Mass ~ † Tom Milhamow  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Nancy Peters

### SUNDAY, January 18

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

-8:00am Mass ~ † Eric "Rick" Logemann  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

### TUESDAY, January 20

*St. Fabian and St. Sebastian*

~ 4:30pm Adoration  
 ~ 5:15pm Mass ~ † Ronald and Jeanette Hammes

### THURSDAY, January 22

*Weekday*

~ 8:00am Mass ~ Fr. Brandon Guenther

### SATURDAY, January 24

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

~ 4:00pm Mass ~ † Roskos and Roningen Families  
 (living and deceased)  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Robert Kerska

### SUNDAY, January 25

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

### 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

- **Jan 18** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass  
 ~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Catherine Guild
- **Jan 21** ~ Community Dinner at CV Lutheran Church all are welcome to attend, 5-7 PM
- **Jan 25** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Jan 31/Feb 1** ~ Special collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- **Feb 1** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Feb 8** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Feb 14/15** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Feb 15** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass  
 ~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Theresea Guild
- **Feb 16** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Feb 18** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 22** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua

### Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.



**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jan 31. Mar 14, 28 & 29. Apr 11 or 12, 18, 25 & 26.

**Open Weekdays:** Feb 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, & 26. Mar 3, 5, 12, 24, 26 & 31.

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@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or voice message 608-452-3841.

### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign



5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of January 9, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

**Payments received:** \$69,861.50

THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in the back of the church.



### Needed this Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$2,385.00 Received as of week 2

**(\$5,615.00)** Difference for the Month

### Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 1/9/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$11,325.00	\$8,866.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$3,240.00)</b>	<b>(\$5,698.31)</b>
Percent Pledged: 77.75%	Percent Received: 60.88%	
Number Contributing: 23		
To donate online, visit: <a href="https://diolc.org/stewardship/">https://diolc.org/stewardship/</a>		
and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

### Giving Last Week

**1/11/2026**

Adult Env (27)	\$795.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	169.00	Received This Week	\$964.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$964.00</b>	Total needed	\$4,000.00
		YTD Received	\$2,385.00
		Difference	(1,615.00)

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

My. Goodness. I may write to the Diocese to officially petition them to award Fr. Aro (the pastor out in Cazenovia, Keyesville, and Lone Rock) the “Windiest Commute” award (not “windy” like “wind” – that’s Fr. Bowe and the Ridge parishes – but “windy” like “turny, curvy, ‘don’t drive in the snow’” type “windy”). I made my way down to Lone Rock last Saturday for the first Mass of the weekend, and the faithful regulars greeted me warmly and with open hearts. After supper with Fr. Kuhn and an overnight in Keyesville, I celebrated the Masses in Keyesville and Cazenovia (that stretch of road was the specially “windy” part) before making my way back here Sunday afternoon. A few hundred miles and a new set of axles later, and we’re back on track. Again, thank you for your understanding and good grace as I stepped away for the weekend – it’s one of the more niche responsibilities of a Dean to make himself known in other Deanery parishes, and I am grateful for the chance to visit these folks and get to meet them. I love being here and I love being your pastor, but perhaps there’s something I miss from my associate days (that is, when our parishes could be covered by just myself or my pastor in a pinch) about sporadically covering Masses elsewhere in the roughly Wausau area. There’s a unique feel to a given parish – a blend of history and culture and present fears and excitements and relationships that comes together to give a place some sense of character (“personality” is almost too strong a word).

Anyhow, now back to it for Ordinary Time. Last weekend we prayed through the last moment of the Christmas season – after Advent’s sense of invitation and Christmas’ welcome of the child Jesus into our hearts, we now follow the magi and John and Jesus Himself into the wilderness, entering this season where the movement of extraordinary grace expands and takes root in the ordinariness of our lives. We’ll see what 2026 brings us.

And finally, two notes on brother priests. First, please pray with me a little prayer of gratitude for Monsignor Scheckel for his generosity and presence last weekend. Speaking with one of you, the word we came up with him is “expansive” – I’m grateful to have known him before ordination and then to have him for a neighbor as I started Pastoring, now it is a blessing to have him helping out here. Second, a congratulations to Fr. Dhein (who has had a relationship with both our parishes at different times and for a long time ran much of the business side of things at the Diocese) on being named a “Prelate of Honour to His Holiness Pope Leo” – that is to say, a Monsignor. I don’t quite know what a timeline looks like for things, but I know there will be a celebratory Mass coming up at some point – keep your eyes open.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



### A Table Together – Free Community Dinner - Jan 21

You are invited to **A Table Together**, a free community meal where neighbors come together to share good food and warm fellowship. All are welcome!

Join us on **Wednesday, January 21, from 5:00–7:00 PM** at **Coon Valley Lutheran Church**, 1005

Central Ave., Coon Valley. Dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, salad, dessert, and a beverage. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Questions, contact [meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org](mailto:meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org). See the flyer posted in the back of the church.

~**The February 25** Table Together meal will be cohosted by **St Mary Parish** at Coon Valley Lutheran Church. Food donations and workers will be needed. More information will be provided soon.

### 2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements are available for pickup this weekend, January 17–18, 2026. Your assistance in picking up your statement helps save on mailing expenses. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### An Invitation—Novena to St. Joseph beginning Jan 25

Beginning on Sunday, January 25th, the women of our parishes are all invited to pray the Novena to St. Joseph together, asking for his loving, fatherly intercession in the lives all of the men and boys in our parishes. The novena will conclude on Monday, February 2nd, which the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord (the 4th Joyful Mystery!). If you’ve never prayed a novena before, it is simply 9 days of specific prayers for a particular petition, or in preparation for a feast day. If you are interested in joining us in this time of prayer, there are copies available in the back of the church. You can also find the novena online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/st-joseph-full-novena-13879>. God bless you!

### Condolences to the Family and Friends of Alan Clements

We extend condolences to the family and friends of Alan “Albie” Clements who passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026. A private burial will take place at our cemetery. A prayer service will be held on Friday, January 16 at Selands’s with a celebration of life on Saturday, January 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Nick’s Bar in Barre Mills.

### Craft Show Update

The PCCW had a very profitable craft show this past December. We had more crafters reserving tables, and we sold more baked goods, concessions and quilt raffle tickets than we have in recent years. This all allowed us to make \$3,080. A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated food and all who donated their time to make this happen. Mark your calendar for our 2026 craft show on December 5th!

### Digital Sign Update

BL Signs has completed all components of the new digital sign. Installation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday this week, weather permitting.

## Diocesan/Community Announcements

### Celebrating Growth:

The 156 parishes of our diocese have been taking Mass counts for over two decades. The average Mass attendance in 2025 was 43,265—an increase of 2.3% from 2024. Even with a large number of deaths, our Mass attendance has increased each year for five straight years. Praise God!

### Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting [usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking](https://usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking)

### Grief Circle

This six-part, in-person supportive gathering starts Wednesday, January 21 (10 a.m.-noon). All who are grieving and in need of compassionate listening and a path toward healing are encouraged to join us. [www.FSCenter.org](https://www.FSCenter.org) | 608-791-5295

### Sign up for the 2026 La Crosse SEEK Conference

SEEK is a national conference for an encounter with God, personal transformation, and growth in community! This year we are bringing it locally to La Crosse at the UW-La Crosse Student Union! There will be 23 different talks from Catholic speakers like Bart Schuchts, founder of the Church on Fire Ministry and associated with the John Paul II Healing Center, Bishop Battersby, and others including some from our own diocese. There is a specific track of talks for parishioners like you! SEEK is for everyone to attend: college students, families, and adults (under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult). At SEEK we will come together as a church to worship in Mass and adoration. SEEK is a 4-day conference adapted to fit most work and school schedules! It is January 29 - February 1: Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday all day, and Sunday morning. The price is \$50 for the entire event. There will be an optional free child care on Saturday, January 31. Please register on the Roncalli Newman or Blessed Sacrament websites or use the QR Code.



### Heritage Bake Sale - Feb 7

Stop by Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, Feb 7 for some cultural goodies. Featuring Norwegian Lefse and Sandbakkels, Bohemian Kolaches, American Pie, Polis Pierogies, Upper Peninsula pastries and other delicious sweets.

**Embracing the Call to Holiness** – The Eau Claire Deanery and the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women jointly sponsor the “Call to Holiness” A Woman’s Retreat day being hosted by St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Eau Claire on **March 14, 2026**. Registration forms are located on the tables in the back of church, **early bird registration ends February 15th**. Women from all over the diocese are welcome to attend

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse | Feb. 13-15, 2026 | Sparrow's Nest, Sparta

Looking for a way to rekindle the love and romance in your marriage? This powerful experience of discovery helps you renew your commitment, deepen your intimacy and reignite the passion that brought you together. Space is limited apply for the weekend by visiting: <https://wwme.org/> to save your spot!

## Activity Corner



### Word-Find

See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD,  
and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry.  
And He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not,  
but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me.  
HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not;  
then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me,  
to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT,  
and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.



**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](https://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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto:jrichards@diolclergy.org) You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](https://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](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.