

PASTOR

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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

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

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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

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue

Humfeld, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte.

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters

(Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS

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.stmarycv.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.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.

St. Mary's Parish

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Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

October 22, 2023

Readings: 662A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings

October 22, 2023

1) Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;
3) Matthew 22:15-21

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Oct 21/22 ~ World Mission Sunday
- Oct 23 ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- Oct 25 ~ Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition at St. Joseph Ridge School, 5:45 - 8:15 PM (video at 7 PM)
- Oct 28 ~ Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition at St. Joseph Ridge School, 4:45 - 6 PM
- Oct 29 ~ Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition at St. Joseph Ridge School, After 8:30 AM Mass with video at 10 AM
- Oct 30 ~ Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition at St. Joseph Ridge School, 6 PM with presentation at 6:30 PM
- Oct 31 ~ **All Saints Day Vigil Mass** 5:15 PM (Holy Day)
- Nov 02 ~ All Souls Day celebrated at 8 AM Mass
- Nov 05 ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- Nov 10 ~ RE MOVIE NIGHT 6 PM in Coon Valley
- Nov 11/12 ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal kickoff weekend
- Nov 16 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- Nov 19 ~ Social/Brunch after 8:00 AM Mass, sponsored by St. Cecelia Guild of the PCCW
- Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 01 ~ Crafter Setup at the CV Village Hall, bake sale goods drop off, 6:00-8:00 PM
- Dec 02 ~ **PCCW Annual Craft Show** at the CV Village Hall, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Intentions
Oct 21 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Oct 22 ~ 8:00 AM - † Patricia Klos *correction from last week
Oct 24 ~ 5:15 PM - Our Parish Family
Oct 26 ~ 8:00 AM - † Brenda Kidakis
Oct 28 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members or the Roskos and Roningen Families
Oct 29 ~ 8:00 AM - † William and Rose Marie LeJeune


MASS Intentions

All 2023 Mass Intention Dates are FULL!

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

2024 Intentions now available! Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.


Next Week in Service — Oct 28 / 29	
If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!	
Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland



CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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

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).

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-5:15 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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of October 20, 2023

Pledges received (29): \$100,720.00

Payments received: \$26,930.00

Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,447.00	Received as of week 3
(\$3,553.00)	Short for the Month

Giving Last Week		10/15/23	
Adult Env(29)	\$2,015.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	165.00	Received This Week	\$2,965.00
PC Breakfast(25)	785.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$84,000.00
Total	\$2,965.00	YTD Received	\$76,753.37
Mission Coop	\$25.00	Difference	(7,246.63)



From the Pastor

Hello friends,

This is a nerdy one, so let's get into it. The large scale of Sacred Scripture (46 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books) makes it easy to get overwhelmed and see the Bible as one large blob of too-much-to-start. Two correctives: first, we need to understand that the Bible is not a book – it's a library of books, each telling their own story and each fitting into the whole Story. Second, much like the daunting task of eating an elephant (that is, best done one bite at a time), the best way to engage Scripture and the story of our salvation is not to get overwhelmed by the magnitude of it all but to take it one book, one story at a time. Some coaching also helps.

In light of that encouragement to take Scripture one story at a time, let me share with you a word about one of my four favorite Gospel writers. This past Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke – an important contributor to the library of scripture as the author of both the Gospel of Luke and also the Acts of the Apostles. Luke was a disciple of St. Paul, a doctor, and a Gentile (a non-Jew) Greek from Antioch. His authorship of both Luke and Acts (books three and five of the New Testament) is a very important one-two punch, since these two books give us Volume One and Volume Two of the Christian story. In Volume One (Luke), we see Jesus' origins (his nativity), we see Jesus' teaching (the good news/"gospel" of mercy), we see Jesus performing miracles and healings to back up his teaching, and we see Jesus suffering, dying and rising from the dead. In Volume Two (Acts of the Apostles), the story shifts from Jesus doing the work to the Church doing His work post-Ascension. In Acts we see the Church's origin, we see the Church preaching His Gospel, we see the Church backing up the Gospel they preach with signs and miracles, and we see the Church following Jesus in His suffering, death, and resurrection. The Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles shows us that Jesus' good news wasn't a one-time event – it's a roadmap He gives us to follow Him.

Why is this on my mind? Great question, (past the recent Feast day) let me tell you. This past week we had two very important events in our parishes: the Pancake Breakfast in Coon Valley and the Fall Dinner in Viroqua. Both of these events have been going on since before I was born, and they make up a major part of our cultural fabric. They're also powerful examples of what it looks like to live the same Church life today that the Church lived 1,943 years ago – not in the service we provide (which was excellent and energy-building) but in the collaborative response to the Holy Spirit's call to open the doors, go out into the streets, and bring home the people around us. This constant back and forth between receiving His grace and going forth to communicate it to the world is what fixed the early Church firmly in Jesus' work, and it's the same work we need to be about in everything we do here. Good work, friends. Thank you for responding so well to the Holy Spirit!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

World Mission Sunday
October 22, 2023
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith



Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis' call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move.": On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Special collection envelopes are included in your contribution booklets and additional are in the back of the church. Please make checks out to St. Mary Parish and we will forward to the Mission Office. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

Pancake Breakfast Update

We served 180 adults and 19 children at last Sunday's Breakfast bringing in \$1,895.00 in sales. Collections for the breakfast so far have totaled \$2,085.00. Once all the collections have been received and expenses paid a full report will be published. Thank you to everyone who helped make the breakfast a success!



Rosary Before Mass in October

The rosary will be said before the weekend mass during the month of October. Please come to church a little earlier than normal and join all in. Rosary will begin about 20 minutes before Mass.



PCCW Quilt Raffle

The PCCW ladies will be raffling off an Amish made quilt on Saturday, December 2 at their annual Craft Fair. Each female member of the parish is also a member of the ladies organization, PCCW. As a member you are asked to sell a minimum number of quilt raffle tickets each year. Ticket subs and money should be returned by November 26 (by dropping in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Quilt Ticket Sales" or by drop off by NOON at the Craft Fair on December 2.



All Souls Day Mass, Thursday, November 02 at 8:00 AM
Please join us in praying for our departed brothers and sisters. We especially remember: Ed Gorman, Josephine "Joan" Clements, Mary Marquardt and Julius Dumale who have departed over the last year.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be on display at St. Joseph Ridge Parish

St Joseph Ridge Parish is inviting all to an exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles. This exhibit will be in the St. Joseph school basement. The miracles are written on posters and it's recommended to just spend time walking around reading them. Please feel free to come to any of the following times.

- **Wednesday, Oct. 25th**, the school basement will be open to all from 5:45 - 8:15 PM. At 7 PM there will be a short video about Blessed Carlo Acutis.
- **Saturday, Oct 28th**, the school will be open after Mass for about an hour, so from about 4:45 - 6 PM
- **Sunday, Oct 29th**, the school will be open after 8:30 AM Mass until people are done, at 10 AM the short video about Blessed Carlo Acutis will again be shown.
- **Monday, Oct. 30th**, the school will be open at 6 PM, at 6:30, Pat Brueggen from the Shrine of our Lady of Gualupe will be giving a talk and he will also bring a first class relic of Blessed Carlo for us to see. Light refreshments will be provided on Sunday after Mass and on Monday evening.

Please spread the word and invite everyone, all are welcome. In today's world the greatest disbelief among Catholics is Christ's true presence in the Holy Eucharist. Here are real and proven examples that God wants us to believe. Do not miss out on this incredible display. There will also be some books and items for sale from the Marian Catechist bookstore, there will not be any cash change so please bring a checkbook or small bills if you would like to purchase anything. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828.

ADRC of Vernon County Events in November

Free informational Summit Series, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, and Nov. 15. 9:30 AM to noon. Events will be held at Westby Coon Prairie Church, 500 South Main St, Westby. Registration is not required, but appreciated. Please call 608-637-5201. Goodie bags for first 30 people to register for each session. See the flyer in back for session details.

2023 Legacy Guild Dinner benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II |Nov 3 (5 p.m.- 8 p.m.)

Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse, WI

Please join us for the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II annual benefit dinner. The night will begin with a social at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.; following Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will share an update on what has been going on at Casa Hogar this year. Please use QR code to register or go to www.homeajpm.org/events.



Donate to Help the Victims of Violence in the Holy Land

Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit www.crs.org

Activity Corner

Sing 2 the Lord... a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.



Sing to the _____ a new _____;
4+4=___ 1+4=___

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
4+2=___ 6+3=___

Tell his _____ among the _____;
3+4=___ 1+1=___



among all _____,
2+1=___

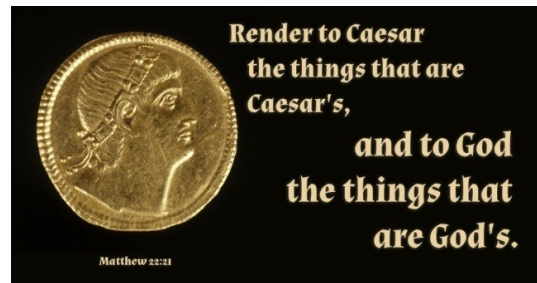
his wondrous _____.
2+2=___



2 nations
3 peoples
4 deeds
5 song



6 sing
7 glory
8 Lord
9 lands



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

