



# St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

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

February 15, 2025 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 593A

## CONNECT WITH US

### PASTOR

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### 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

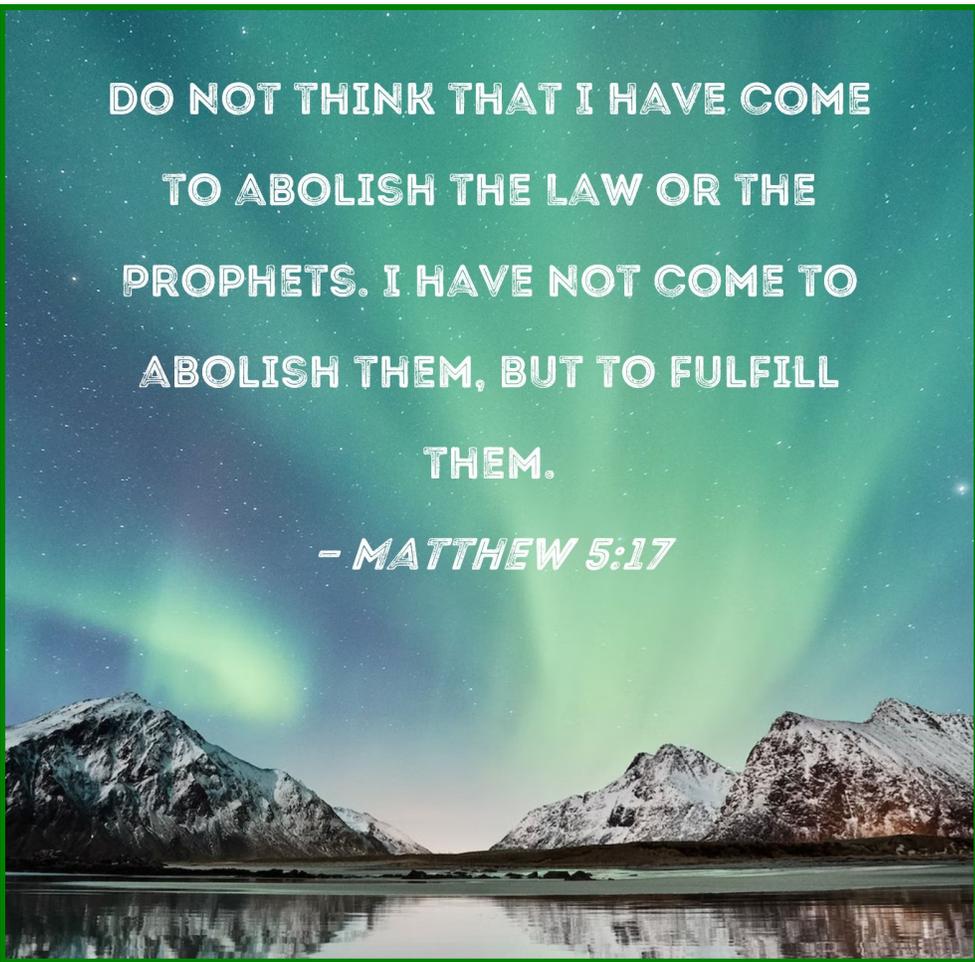
Thursday | 8:00am

### Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

### Devotions

**Adoration** Tuesday | 4:30pm



### Administrative Assistant

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### Parish Finance Council

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek,  
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### 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  
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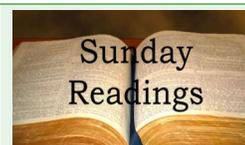
### Fr. Joe also serving:

### 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



**February 15, 2026**  
 1) *Sirach 15:15-20*  
 2) *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*  
 3) *Matthew 5:17-37*

**Intentions / Schedule**

**SATURDAY, February 14**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 4:00pm Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families (living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Nancy Peters

**SUNDAY, February 15**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00am Mass - Ollendick Families (living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Colin Boland (first reading) and Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

**TUESDAY, February 17**

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

- 4:30pm Adoration

- 5:15pm Mass - for Bishop Battersby

**THURSDAY, February 19**

*Lent Weekday*

- 8:00am Mass - for individuals in need of prayer and peace

**SATURDAY, February 21**

*First Sunday of Lent*

- 4:00pm Mass - For the People

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Robert Kerska

**SUNDAY, February 22**

*First Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00am Mass - Bob and Leona Welsh

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
 Lector: Malene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

- **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  
 ~ Discussion of Fratelli Tutti 11:45AM-1PM in Viroqua
- **Feb 16** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Feb 18** ~ *Ash Wednesday*  
 ~ 7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua  
 ~ 12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua  
 ~ **5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley**
- **Feb 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after Mass  
 ~ Discussion of Fratelli Tutti 6:30-8 PM in Viroqua
- **Feb 22** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua  
 ~ Discussion of Fratelli Tutti 11:45AM-1PM in Viroqua
- **Feb 24** ~ Adoration at 4:30 PM, *Stations of the Cross* at 5:15 PM followed by Mass
- **Feb 25** ~ Community Dinner at CV Lutheran Church all are welcome to attend, 5-7 PM We are cohosting!
- **Feb 26** ~ Discussion of Fratelli Tutti 6:30-8 PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 1** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua  
 ~ Discussion of Fratelli Tutti 11:45AM-1PM in Viroqua
- **Mar 3** ~ Adoration at 4:30 PM, *Stations of the Cross* at 5:15 PM followed by Mass
- **Mar 5** ~ Discussion of Fratelli Tutti 6:30-8 PM in Viroqua



**Mass Intentions**

Below are open dates for the next few months.

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Mar 14 & 28. Apr 18, & 26. May 2 or 3, 9, 16, 17, 23 or 24, 30, & 31.

**Open Weekdays:** Feb 24, & 26. Mar 3, 5, 12, 24, & 31. Apr 2, 7, 9, 16, 23, & 28.



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 February 13, 2026  
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00  
**Payments received: \$70,778.50**  
**THANK YOU!**

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

**Annual Appeal 2025-2026**

As of 2/6/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$17,525.00	\$12,186.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
<b>Over/Under Target</b>	<b>\$2,960.00</b>	<b>(\$2,378.31)</b>
Percent Pledged: 120.32% , Percent Received: 83.67%		
Number Contributing: 25		
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		



**Needed this Month**

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,272.90	Received as of week 2
<b>(\$3,727.10)</b>	<b>Difference for the Month</b>

Giving Last Week		2/8/2026	
Adult Env (36)	\$2,860.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	231.25	Received This Week	\$3,091.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,116.25</b>	Total needed	\$12,000.00
		YTD Received	\$10,155.90
CCHD	\$25.00	Difference	(1,844.10)

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

In a few short days we're back into an extraordinary season with the start of Lent – for a month or so we've been praying through the start of Ordinary Time (and especially encountering Jesus' words in Matthew), and now it's time for the penitential season of Lent, the deep and temporally-short story work of the Triduum, and the long celebratory season of Easter. In the spirit of Lenten preparation, follow me down a little ramble here.

We've talked about this before, but the traditional devotional approach to Lent is through three big elements: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This can get a bit reductionist sometimes – "I'll give up this or that thing, because that's what I do in Lent" – but I think perhaps the Lord might be inviting you and me to a certain expansiveness this year. That prayer is *for* something – intimacy with the Lord. That fasting is *for* something – stripping away those things that I use for control, comfort, independence. That almsgiving is *for* something – remembering that holiness is just as much about lifting up the other as it is about lifting up ourselves. The gospel this weekend is kind of resonating with me here – Jesus is taking the very direct laws of the Old Testament (don't kill each other, don't commit adultery, etc.) and expanding them (nurtured and welcomed anger and hatred are related to killing, harboring lust is related to adultery, etc.). This is really one of the invitations of Lent – to take the baseline of Christian belonging and explore the Lord's invitation to go deeper, to expand, to root and ground ourselves more in Him. Those Big Three practices (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are a very good start to entering into Lent – now let me encourage you to invite the Lord to show you where in those areas He wants to draw you further in to Him.

On a final note, over the last few weeks we've been praying with these beautiful prayers – Jesus' own Beatitudes to start the Sermon on the Mount two weeks ago and last weekend the Prayer of St. Francis (maybe written by St. Francis, maybe not, beautiful either way). I'd like to do with Lent something like what we did with the Unity Prayer during Advent and Christmas – at the end of Mass, where we customarily pray the St. Michael Prayer let's pray the St. Francis prayer together. I've got a bunch of holy cards on order from our friends over at EWTN and we'll pop them in the missals or pews for Ash Wednesday.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe



## Parish Announcements

### February 18 ~ *Ash Wednesday*

- ⇒ 7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua
- ⇒ 12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua
- ⇒ **5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley**



### Lenten Preparation & Opportunities

Lent begins February 18 with Ash Wednesday. As we enter this sacred season, consider these ways to grow in prayer:

- **Fratelli Tutti Discussion** – Join us for shared reflection and fellowship.
- **Daily Lenten Reflection Booklet** – Complimentary copies available in the back of church.
- **Prayer Resources** – *Praying for (and Living) a Peaceful Lent* pamphlets are also available.
- **Faith Apps** – Try the Ascension app for daily video reflections or the Hallow app for guided prayer (free prayers marked with a sparkle).
- **Stations of the Cross** – Tuesdays at 5:15 PM, followed by Mass.

May this Lenten season be a time of renewal, prayer, and grace for all.



### Rest in Peace - † John Ritter †

It is with sorrow that we announce the death of John Ritter, who passed away on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. He married Sandra LeJeune here at St. Mary Parish on February 13, 1971.

They spent most of their lives near Newburg Corners, returning to the parish family upon his retirement from farming in 2014. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort for his family and friends. Visitation will be **Friday, March 13, 4–7 PM** at Seland Funeral Home, with a **prayer service at 7 PM**. A private family burial will be at a later date.

### Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Begins This Weekend!

Birthright offers love, friendship, and support to women facing pregnancy, reminding them they are not alone. Please fill a bottle with loose change or cash and return it to the parish by **Sunday, March 15, 2025**. Envelopes are also available; make checks out to Birthright. Thank you for your life-affirming support of mothers, fathers, and babies.

### A Table Together - Free Community Dinner - Feb 25

**St. Mary Parish will be co-hosting the February meal at Coon Valley Lutheran Church.** We still need workers on the cooking team, as greeters, on the serving line and on cleanup. Please consider helping with this wonderful service endeavor. We also need food to be donated for this event. Items needed are prepared chili, corn bread, dinner rolls, shredded cheese, Fritos chips, saltine crackers, chopped jalapenos, bars/cake, and milk. Please see the signup sheet in the back of the church. All donations are greatly appreciated. **Items may be dropped off after mass in our church basement February 21/22 or at Coon Valley Lutheran on Tuesday, February 25 9AM-3PM or Wednesday 9AM-2:30PM.** The dinner will be served 5:00-6:30PM this month due to Lenten services at the church at 7:00PM. Please consider attending this meal as neighbors connect, friendships grow, and Christ's love is shared in meaningful, tangible ways. **Gather. Share. Be fed.**

## Parish Announcements continued

### You are invited—Discussion of Fratelli Tutti

You are invited to join a six-session discussion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Fratelli tutti* ("All My Brothers") as a way to deepen your Lenten journey toward Holy Week.

**With two options beginning Sunday, February 15 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Thursday, February 19, 2027, for six consecutive sessions in the confirmation basement classroom from 6:30-8 pm** A light lunch will be provided. Books and study guides are available on the table in the back of church. Please take one of each per participant and sign the contact sheet provided. *There is no cost to participate.*

### Greif Share - Support Group Begins Mar 10

Grief is a journey. No matter how long it has been since losing a loved one, grief can greatly affect your life, (spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, mentally and financially). Grief Share is a 13-week support program, that is being hosted jointly by the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Mary's Parishes. For more information about the program and to learn how to register, pick up a flyer from the back of church. If there is someone you know who may benefit from Grief Share, please invite him or her to attend. All are welcome!

**When:** Tuesdays 5:00 - 7:00 pm

March 10th through June 2nd, 2026

**Where:** Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 400 Congress Ave. Viroqua, WI 54665

### Ending Hunger With CRS Rice Bowl



This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll help support families like those from Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from the back of the church this weekend. Then, visit [crsricebowl.org/join](http://crsricebowl.org/join) to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

### Mite Boxes—Missionary Childhood Association

Students/Adults are asked to help children less fortunate this Lent by filling the MCA mite box.

These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.



### Two Lenten Regulations:



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat,

Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Ash Wed Soup and Supper

St. Mary's Richland Center PCCW would like to invite you and your parish to our Ash Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Supper. Located at: 160 W. Fourth St, Richland Center. Mass at 5:15 PM followed by supper, serving from 6 -7:30 PM.

### Chili and Basket Raffle - Feb 22

Come sample chili and gift basket raffle on Sunday February 22 from 11 to 2 at Coon Valley Legion to benefit Coon Valley Library sponsored by Friends of the Library. All welcome.

### Kevin Matthews Broken Mary Presentation

Kevin Matthews, a once famous Chicago radio host, had a tragic health event that led him to encounter a broken statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Hearing a voice say, "Will you deny Me? Will you deny My mother?", Kevin embraced the statue and returned to his Catholic faith. This Broken Mary statue has become famous for miracles associated with it and Kevin now travels around the country with Broken Mary telling his story and bringing healing to our broken world.

Come with your own brokenness and hear Kevin's story of God's healing. **FREE!** All are welcome!

⇒ **Sunday, Feb. 22 1:30 pm** St. Mary's University in the Page Theatre / 700 Terrace Heights, Winona, MN

⇒ **Monday, Feb. 23 6:00 pm** Aquinas High School Auditorium / 315 11th Street S, La Crosse, WI

### Pancake Breakfast - Mar 1

At the Coon Valley Lutheran Church on March 1, 2026 serving from 8 AM to noon. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, and 5 and under free. All are welcome to attend!

### Retro Dinner - Mar 8

CV Lutheran Church is sponsoring a "Retro Dinner" from 11AM-1PM on Sun. Mar 8. Adults are \$10, Kids 6-12 are \$5, 5 and under free. All are welcome. If you bring a retro dish to pass, you will receive a \$5 off of one admission. See the flyer in the back of the church for more information.

**Evangelization Summit—Mar 10, Registration Open!** Our first Evangelization Summit will be this Lent during the day on Tuesday, March 10, at Mary Mother of the Church in La Crosse. <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>

**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](http://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please use the registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments). Then mail or email it to [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.

**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](http://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.



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Please join us for Grief Share, where you can find comfort, strength, and hope! If there is someone you know who may benefit from Grief Share, please invite him or her to attend. All are welcome!

When: Tuesdays 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
March 10th through June 2nd, 2026

Where: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
400 Congress Ave.  
Viroqua, WI 54665

Facilitators: Janet Olmstead, AAGC Certified Grief Counselor  
(608) 790-4543  
Deacon Anthony Shay, Ed. D, LPC, CRC

Registration Fee: \$20.00  
Financial assistance available as needed

To Register, contact the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua office at 608-637-7711, email them at: [stmaryparish@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryparish@mwt.net), or go to the website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)