

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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February 11, 2024

Readings: 594B



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

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DEACON

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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

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Bryan Berg, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters
(Secretary), 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: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & 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 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.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

February 11, 2024

- 1) *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*; 2) *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*;
3) *Mark 1:40-45*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, February 10

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4: 00pm Mass - † Anna Kerska
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Carol Cade
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti & Rodney & Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, February 13

-5:15pm - Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Ash Wednesday

-8:00am - † Art and Evelyn Gajewski

THURSDAY, February 15

-8:00am - † Cynthia Boudreau

SATURDAY, February 17

First Sunday of Lent

-4: 00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, February 18

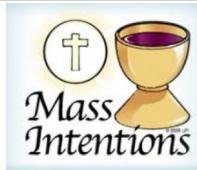
First Sunday of Lent

-8:00am Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Feb 14 ~ Ash Wednesday**
7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua
12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua
5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Feb 15 ~** Coffee and fellowship after Mass
- **Feb 18 ~** Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Catherine Guild
- **Feb 25 ~ **date change**** RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley—Stations of the Cross
- **Feb 20 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Feb 27 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 03 ~** RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Mar 05 ~ 5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 06** - cleaning of the church basement 1:00PM
- **Mar 09 ~ *date change*** RE monthly activity 2-2:45PM at the Norseland Nursing Home
- **Mar 11** - PCCW Meeting 5:30PM
- **Mar 12 ~5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 17 ~** Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Cecilia Guild



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Mar 23 & 31; Jun 1 or 2, 9, 23, 29 & 30

Open Weekdays: Feb. 29; Mar. 5, 12, 14, & 21; Apr. 4, 11, 16, & 30; May 2, 7, 14, & 23. Jun.6, 11, 13, 18, 20, & 25,

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of February 02, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$36,354.50

THANK YOU!



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 02/09/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$9,640.38	\$8,290.38
Target Amount	<u>\$14,515.00</u>	<u>\$14,515.00</u>
Under Target	(\$4,874.62)	(\$6,224.62)
Percent Pledged: 66.42%, Percent Received: 57.12%		
Number Contributing: 23		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, reoccurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.



Needed last Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,249.00	Received as of week 1
(\$6,751.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week

		2/4/2024	
Adult Env(33)	\$1030.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$154.00	Received This Week	\$1,249.00
Votives	\$65.00	Running total needed	\$10,000.00
Total	\$1,249.00	YTD Received	\$9,388.50
		Difference	(611.50)
CCHD	\$225.00	Food Pantry	\$111.00

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I have one last pre-Ash-Wednesday exhortation for you here. In just a few days Dcn. Tony and I will hang up our green vestments, Megan and Clarice will set out our purple (violet if we're getting technical) liturgical accoutrements, and the Gloria will go quiet until the Easter Vigil. These last few days before all that give us a final moment to prepare for the purifying, liberating work of Lent.

It's no coincidence that the fortyish non-Sunday days of Lent (there's actually 43 ½ days in Lent) mirror both the Exodus and Jesus' own fasting in the desert. When the Lord led His People out of Egypt, He wasn't just bringing them from A to B. For several centuries the Israelites had been living among Egyptians (peacefully at first, then slavishly toward the end), eating like the Egyptians, grasping at the cultural artifacts of the Egyptians – for all practical purposes they had become Egyptian themselves. The whole Exodus from Egypt through the wilderness into the Promised Land, including the laws and ritual practices set out throughout books 2-5 of the Bible, is the story of God reminding His people who they are over the course of 40 years. The plagues that God brought through Moses on the Egyptians strongly shakes the false foundation of Egyptian safety the Israelites had come to hold dear. In this whole scene, God is reminding His people that they are made for more, and that transition wasn't always comfortable.

In a related scene, Jesus' own 40-day retreat into the desert reenacts the people's Exodus many centuries before. Jesus goes into the wilderness hunting down the devil, intentionally letting Himself be uncomfortable and relive those 40 years of trusting God's providence. He emerges having defeated Satan on his own turf, and with His authority firmly established Jesus quickly launches into His teaching ministry.



**TRUST THAT
THE LORD
WILL PROVIDE.**

In both these scenes, we see this image of going into and emerging from the wilderness as a transitional moment – a formal act of trust that the Lord will provide, especially when I stop

white-knuckling my own way through things. A season like Lent is a good moment to look into my own heart and discern where I am already trusting well and where I am too afraid to let the Holy Spirit lead. It's a chance to take intentional steps to let myself be led, growing in that gradual trust that He will match whatever receptivity and teachability I allow into my life with His own providence and redemption. One more time for good measure, these last few days offer an important window to plan out your own Lent – the old phrase *"failing to plan is planning to fail"* gently nudges you and me to take the time before Wednesday comes to ask the question, "how are you leading me into greater freedom, Lord?"

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

February 14, 2024



Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 AM - Communion service at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (ABVMP), Viroqua
- 12:10 PM - Mass at ABVMP, Viroqua
- **5:15 PM Mass - here, St. Mary Parish**

Lenten Magnificat Companion booklets are now available for pickup in the back of church.

Lenten Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services **and Student Mite Boxes** for Missionary Childhood Association are now available in the back of the church.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign - Jan 20 to Feb 25

Birthright offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. Fill the bottle with loose change or cash and return to the parish by February 25th.

Quilter Needed

The PCCW always raffles off a quilt at the craft show in December. We currently have a quilt top that needs to be finished. Are there any talented quilters in the church who could do this? Please contact Clarice Kammel if you're interested in finishing the quilt or know of someone who could do it.

7 Week Small Group Series - Starts Feb 15

Over the course of Lent we are presenting a seven-part Small Group series centered on the Eucharistic Revival, "Jesus and the Eucharist." Both parishes are welcome to attend our Thursday evening sessions (starting February 15) from 6:00-8:00 PM in Marian Hall, Viroqua. Please contact Pat Obernberger at 262-822-1850 with questions or to RSVP.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Celebrate Life Convention - Abby Johnson Event – Apr 13

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LCDCCW) is hosting their biennial convention on April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. We are encouraging everyone to purchase a ticket for the event, attend the full day or just the luncheon to hear the guest speaker Abby Johnson. Abby Johnson is the author of *Unplanned*, which was made into a movie of the same name. Ms. Johnson was a Planned Parenthood Director for many years. After witnessing an abortion on ultrasound Abby changed her position on abortion. Her testimony is powerful, join us in hearing her important message. For registration and more information visit www.ldccw.org

Parish Announcements continued

Fish Fry - Feb 16

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost

Lenten reflections with John McHugh - Feb 27 to Mar 19 THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

Feb. 27; Mar. 5, 12, 19; Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Presenter: John McHugh; Investment: \$10 per session. **Register by Feb. 19th** For hundreds of years, it has been a tradition in Christian churches to reflect on Jesus' final words from the cross on Good Friday and during the season of Lent. Join biblical scholar John McHugh as he explores those words of Jesus and how they were mirrored in Jesus' public ministry, and what they mean for us today. Although the program is meant to be experienced over all four weeks, participants may attend individual sessions.

Register at: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=24SDY07966>

Women's Lenten Retreat - Mar 2

Are you struggling to carve time for spiritual enrichment? Join the Women's annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 2nd at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, La Crosse. The FREE event starts with 8 am Mass followed by Rosary & Adoration. Hospitality in the Undercroft (lower level) and presentations will follow. In this time of Eucharistic Revival, the theme is *FAITH & THE REAL PRESENCE: Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread*. This event is sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Women and Catholic Daughters of America. All are welcome!

Lenten Day of Reflection – Mar 9

March 9, 2024: The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI will be hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection. The day includes talks on **The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell, and Heaven**. No admission cost! Learn more about the day's schedule at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!



Fish Frynder is Live!

For a complete list of all diocesan parish Lenten meals, organized by day, visit the Fish Frynder at diolc.org/fishfrynder or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right above.

The ANSWER™ Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say "Yes!" to this life-changing event that will be held June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. However, you may also want to check with your parish office as there are some parishes that have already begun purchasing group tickets and reserving buses for this event. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information. The registration link is found at the following link . <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



Activity Corner

Gospel Reading Word Search

LEPROSY	WELL	GIFT								
JESUS	WARNED	HEALED								
POWER	SHOW	WALKED								
M	O	S	Y	T	E	D	A	G	U	R
A	L	E	P	R	O	S	Y	E	W	A
N	I	U	O	A	L	I	U	D	O	M
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Lenten Regulations:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- Those sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net