

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time
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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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COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed vacancy)

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

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

September 17, 2023

Readings: 647A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings
September 17, 2023

1) *Sirach 27:30-28:7; 2) Romans 14:7-9;*
 3) *Matthew 18:21-35*

Intentions

Sep 16 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
Sep 17 ~ 8:00 AM - † Gavin Williams
Sep 19 ~ 5:15 PM - † Bob Dickman
Sep 21 ~ 8:00 AM - † Patricia Klos
Sep 23 ~ 4:00 PM - † Jean Gilkes-Lange
Sep 24 ~ 8:00 AM - † Arlene Seichter

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 — Sept 23/24

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Readers:	Sat. – Jeana LeJeune	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg	



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).

- Upcoming Events/Calendar**
- Sept 17** ~ Religious Education monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley. Mandatory **RE Safe Environment training** here in Coon Valley (date 2 of 3) ~ **Brunch** following Mass all are welcome to attend
 - Sept 18** ~ La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly at Mary, Mother of the Church, 6 PM
 - Sept 19** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
 - Sept 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship following 8 AM Mass
 - Sept 26** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:00 PM to 8:35 PM
 - Sept 27** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:00 PM to 8:35 PM
 - Oct 01** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
 - Oct 08** ~ Last option for mandatory **RE Safe Environment training** (date 3 of 3) after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua.
 - Oct 15** ~ Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast** 7:30 AM—Noon



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 September 8, 2023
 Pledges received (28): \$97,720.00
 Payments received: \$25,235.00
 Under Goal (\$7,280.00)

Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,268.61	Received as of week 2
(\$4,731.39)	Short for the Month



Giving Last Week		Week 36	9/10/2023
Adult Env(258)	\$1885.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	106.61	Received This Week	\$2,026.61
RE Registration	35.00	Running total needed	\$74,000.00
Total	\$2,026.61	YTD Received	\$62,107.62
		Difference	(11,892.38)

From the Pastor



Hello friends,
This weekend's article is reflective and also a bit gritty with mild cussing. FYI.

This past Thursday we celebrated a big day in the Church year – the Exaltation of the Cross. We're used to seeing the Cross in churches, around our necks, on a tattooed barista – it's become such a common symbol that it's easy to forget its origins. Back in Jesus' day crucifixion was a method of execution with two goals: inflicting maximum suffering and (much like the guillotine) making a public spectacle and statement. Death by crucifixion is not a quick death by trauma or blood loss but a days-long death by suffocation – the physiological reason Jesus died relatively quickly (about three hours) was that He had already been whipped excessively and lost a considerable amount of blood. The public shaming came from the custom of stripping a crucified victim and hanging them for the whole world to see and scorn, as well as from the stigma of being sentenced to that punishment. It was not the kind of death you'd expect the Messiah to undergo, and it was one more Roman attempt to silence the Jewish troublemakers.

In the early centuries of the Church, Christians quickly adopted the Cross as an image of hope and conviction, while the rest of the world used it as a tool to mock those weird fish-eaters. In fact, the very first depiction of the crucifixion we've found (the Alexamenos Graffito, look it up) dates back to roughly 200 AD and shows a man with a donkey's head on a cross ("jackass" has apparently been an effective pejorative for a good 1800 years), with the caption "Alexamenos worships his God." It's the type of locker room mocking meant to call out that chump Christian Alexamenos for worshipping a God who died on a cross.

All of this points to the strangeness of what Jesus did in taking an instrument intentionally designed to display a pointless, insignificant death and making it one of the most significant & ubiquitous symbols the world's ever seen. Suffering by itself has no value – in fact, one of the hardest things about suffering is that when we face such a poignant moment, we're naturally inclined to ask the question "why?" only to come up with the hard, hard answer, "there is no why." With His crucifixion, Jesus takes one of the most meaningless parts of the human experience (that there is no answer to that "why"), and, through His death and resurrection, makes it the most meaningful "why" there's ever been. Jesus makes this instrument of shame an instrument of hope, and through baptism He makes suffering and death the gateway to new life in His resurrection. He makes it very clear when He dies and doesn't stay dead that death is not the end but is in fact the beginning of New Life. So, the Exaltation of the Cross – that's our way of following the model of Christians from all the way back to the beginning and of saying to our friend Alexamenos, "Way to go buddy. You're my hero."

God bless you, and stay close to the Cross, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Our Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Collection Envelopes

The breakfast will be here before you know it! The council would like to continue with the collection envelopes instead of a raffle again this year, requested donation is \$20.

An envelope for each registered family in the back of church. Part of this year's collection will go towards the purchase of new chairs for the church hall. Please pick up yours today. You may return in by mail or drop in the collection basket. Lets all work together to make it another successful parish event!

High Chairs and Booster Seats Needed

If anyone has a used high chair or booster seat they no longer use and would like to donate it to the church we would be very grateful. Feel free to bring them to the basement before or after mass.

Volunteer Opportunity

The PCCW could really use some volunteers to help clean the church basement. The goal is to have several groups of ladies so each group only needs to clean two or three times a year. If interested leave a message at the church or contact Clarice Kammel.

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.



It's not too late to sign up for the September 26 or 27th photo opportunity!

If you need to change your appointment day or time please contact Clarice Kammel.

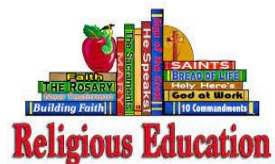
All those who have their pictures taken will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free directory. This does not cost you anything unless you decide to purchase more pictures.

Just sign into the website www.ucdir.com and use church code **wi259** and password **photos**.

PCCW Information - Fall Deanery Meeting - Sep 18

Have you heard about or seen the movie "Sounds of Freedom"? It's a story about children and human trafficking. Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He will be speaking at Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. **All ladies of area parishes are invited**, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food! Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

RE Activity Day is this Sunday, September 17th here in Coon Valley following the 8 AM Mass. Any questions please contact Bridget Goodwin at: bladams50@gmail.com



Diocesan/Local Announcements

Catholic Charities USA -- Hurricane Relief after Idalia

To assist those suffering in the wake of Hurricane Idalia, consider giving to Catholic Charities USA, which has established a relief fund specifically for this purpose. Visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org to learn how to donate.

Chili and Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle - Sept 27

CV Lutheran Church is hosting soup supper Wed., Sept. 27 from 4-7 PM. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12, children 5 and under free. All are welcome!

Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11

St. Peters Catholic Church in Middle Ridge will again hold their annual Sauerkraut Supper this year as a dine in or carry out on Wednesday, October 11th from 4 to 8 PM or until sold out. Cost of dinner is \$15 for church-made kraut & pork ribs, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, and homemade pie. Raw Kraut for sale at \$5 for 2.5 lbs. There will be a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles throughout the dinner.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a catholic man. For registration and info visit www.menofthecross.org

Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All." Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference - Oct 20/21

Join the Guild for a 2-day conference/retreat examining Religious Liberty in today's world. It is open to all those who want to enhance their faith and learn more about the current state of Catholic Teaching and the history of our faith. This Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the keynote speaker. For more information visit: queenoftheamericasguild.org or call 630-584-1822 or email: staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org

Amara Rose Foundation - located in Westby

Honoring lives lost to addiction by raising awareness, educating, promoting prevention and **helping those struggling with addiction**. Drug use and overdose deaths are at an unprecedented level...This is a fight we cannot afford to lose, and it will take as many of us as possible to combat the epidemic. While abusing any type of drug or alcohol can cost a life, fentanyl is the biggest killer in our country right now. A lot of our focus will be on combating the fentanyl epidemic. One life lost is too many. Visit: www.amararosefoundation.org or email info@amararosefoundation.org If you or someone you know need needs immediate help, dial 988 to reach a trained crisis worker. Substance Abuse Hotline: 1-800-662 HELP or online chat at 988lifeline.org

Activity Corner

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17th, 2023

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!

Word search puzzle letters and numbers:

- Row 1: E (9), O (4), H (1), M (12)
- Row 2: V (8), E (2), A (7), I (11), R (5)
- Row 3: H (10), F (3), G (6)

Numbered boxes for sorting: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Matthew 18:21-35



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

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th • 7:30 AM—NOON

\$10.00
PER ADULT
\$5.00
KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

**St. Mary
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