

St. Mary's Parish

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2020

Reading 590A

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

Local Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

- 1) Isaiah 58:7-10
- 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- 3) Matthew 5:13-16



FOCUS: We are the salt of the earth.

Light is an important image in our readings today. True disciples of Jesus witness to others and help illuminate their way to God. As salt of the earth, our deeds must always lead others to Christ, or else we are like flavorless salt.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading from Isaiah, the Lord says to care for others, and then *your light shall break forth like the dawn*. Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians of Christ crucified. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples they are *salt of the earth* and *the light of the world*.

Giving Last Week		Week 05	2/2/2020
Adult Envelopes	\$1,045.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$144.00	Received This Week	\$1,419.00
Memorials	\$100.00	YTD Needed	\$9,500.00
CCHD	\$55.00	YTD Received	\$7,498.00
Total	\$853.00	Difference	(2,002.00)
40 Env. Received			

Annual Appeal 2019-2020		
As of 02/07/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,545.00	\$13,845.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Under Target	\$2,790.00	\$2,090.00
Percent Pledged: 123.73%, Percent Received: 117.78%		
Number Contributing:	37	
WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET!!! ALL DONATIONS FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH!		
Thank you all who have donated! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: https://diolc.org/donate-online , under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.		



Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Feb. 25 & 28. Mar. 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 20, 27, **29**, & 31. Apr. 15, 16, 24, **26**, & 28
Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Feb. 08 - 4:00 PM ~ †Robert Welsh
Feb. 09 - 9:15 AM ~ †Ken and Irene Roesler
Feb. 11 - 6:00 PM ~ Our Parish Family
Feb. 12 - 8:00 AM ~ †Richard Tronick
Feb. 14 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Feb. 15 - 4:00 PM ~ †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
Feb. 16 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter

Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

	Sat., Feb. 15 4:00 PM	Sun., Feb 16 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Reader (s):	Jeana LeJeune	Carol Roesler
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Gajewski	John Roesler
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Dan VonFeldt and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	
Altar Server sign up at:	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4	

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Feb. 9	After Mass	Religious Education Classes/Trip to the Synagogue
Feb. 16		NO Religious Education Classes
Feb. 19	6:30 PM	Parish Council Meeting
Feb 23	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Feb. 26	8:00 AM	NO morning Mass this day
Feb 26	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 26 to Mar. 4		Fr. Matt on call at the hospitals in La Crosse.
Mar. 1	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 3	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 6	8:00 AM	Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i>
Mar. 8		NO Religious Education Classes
Mar. 10	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 15	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 17	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 22	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 24	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 29	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 31	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Apr. 3	8:00 AM	Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i>
Apr. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes

Parish Announcements

Bagels and Bibles

If you enjoyed our parish visit to the synagogue, or if you didn't have a chance to join that day, consider joining Fr. Matt for **Bagels and Bible** at Congregation Sons of Abraham (1820 Main St. La Crosse). We are meeting Tuesday March 25th at noon. Bagels and Bible is a Bible study group hosted by the Jewish community of La Crosse. Fr. Matt and Rabbi Brian read the Scriptures together with others who are interested in discussing the Word of God. All are welcome to join for conversation and learning about faith. Bagels and lox provided by the Congregation. No cost. We are discussing the Book of Genesis. Bibles provided. ~ Fr. Matt

Father On-Call Schedule

Fr. Matt on-call at both Gundersen and Mayo from Wed. Feb. 26th to Wed. Mar. 4th. Please allow extra time for Fr. Matt to respond to parish concerns.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your contributions will be used to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Please use the envelopes in the pews or visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Having/Had a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. Please contact the parish office if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year of 2020 to add your names to the list. Couples will be invited to celebrate with Bishop William Callahan on June 14, 2020 at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse.



Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

Amazon Smile is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, please choose St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: amazon.com/smile and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" or simply click the link on our parish website: stmarycv.org

Diocesan/Local Announcements

National Marriage Week February 7-14

This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." This and other valuable resources are available for couples, pastors, and parishes at foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

Today's Marriage Tip

As Valentine's Day approaches, give your spouse a gift of memory. If you haven't already, memorize your wedding vows. Few people like to memorize, but it's a way to keep your vows always in mind.

Coulee Region Mardi Gras

2020 Fat Tuesday Celebration, February 25

For more information and ticketing, visit: <https://www.lacrossemaidigras.com/>

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Pancake Breakfast

February 23 at St. Joseph Ridge Parish. Please join us in our School Hall from 8 AM to 11:30 AM for and ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast, serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a beverage for \$7, \$5 for children 5-12, under 5 free. There will also be a bake sale and a cash raffle.

Donate to Stevens Point Initiative – Packing 108,000 Meals for Starving Children

Support the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event on February 21-22, 2020. Over 500 volunteers from UW-Stevens Point, Pacelli Schools, and local parishes and churches will pack 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. The team is halfway to its goal of \$26,000 for the massive quantities of dried food. To donate, visit give.fmsc.org/uwsp (donations are matched by a grant from the Diocese of La Crosse Social Ministries Fund). To donate by check, make payable to FMSC and write "Event #2002-304EA" in the memo line and mail: Attention Michelle Zoellner, 555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL 60504. The Stevens Point FMSC MobilePack Coordinator is Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, mshulfer@uwsp.edu.

Employment Opportunity

The parishes of St. Leo the Great in West Salem and St. Mary in Bangor are looking for a Director of Religious Education to serve both parishes in the West Salem location. Interested candidates should send a resume to Father Kennedy at frkenny@wsbcwi.org.

On February 21st-Faith Build Kick off!

Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area was awarded funding from Thrivent Financial for our region's first Faith Build. Want to be involved? Join us on Friday, February 21, with the "Nacho Average Home" event at the Black River Beach Center from 6-7:30 pm. This FREE event features a nacho bar, fun activities, and raffles. www.habitatlacrosse.org/faith-build.

Safe Haven Sunday – Year II

In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. To help you combat the pervasiveness of pornography, we will be recognizing Safe Haven Sunday on (February 23). We all must respond by defending the dignity of each and every person and if needed, to heal ourselves from exposure to its snares. A thorough collection of resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

March Market (Craft/Vendor Show)

La Crosse's Blessed Sacrament Women's Club is hosting their first March Market on Saturday, March 7 from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. At the Msgr. Wagener Parish Center. For information, to register as a vendor/crafter or to volunteer, contact the parish office at 608-782-2953, visit: www.bsplacrosse.org, or contact the event representative Barb at 608-784-6974 (scwjoy@gmail.com). \$25 registration fee by February 22nd.

Navigating Together: A Grief Retreat

March 21, Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Facilitator: Jean Pagliaro. Investment: \$45, includes lunch.

Registration deadline: March 7

Grieving the death of a loved one involves many difficult challenges. Often, we feel overwhelmed with tasks and emotions. You're invited to spend a day in community with other people who are experiencing grief. Through discussion, time for reflection and creative expression opportunities, there will be space for you to express your grief and consider new paths that might be part of your healing. To register, please visit www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

Explore the benefits of silence at the Franciscan Spirituality Center

The peace and tranquility of a silent retreat can help people connect with their inner self, listen to divine wisdom and gain clarity and perspective on what might be stirring in their life. Opportunities for silent contemplation and prayer:

~**Franciscan Day of Solitude**, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. February 11 and 26, March 18. Spend a day unplugging from the stress and busyness of everyday life. A private bedroom, lunch and optional spiritual direction session is included. Investment: \$40.

~**Silence: A Prayer of the Heart**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. February 15. Audrey Lucier and Tom Roberts lead this daylong exploration into the wisdom of silence while considering examples from various spiritual traditions. Investment: \$65, includes lunch.

~**Labyrinth Walk**, 4-6:30 p.m. March 4. This indoor walking meditation is suitable for older teens and adults. Freewill offerings are appreciated; no registration is necessary.

~**Prayer Beyond Words**, 9 a.m.-noon March 14. Sarah Hennessey, FSPA, leads this morning to practice various methods of contemplative prayer. Investment: \$45.

~**Silent Directed Retreat**, March 29-April 3 and April 19-24. Spend six days in silence under the guidance of a trained spiritual director. Investment: \$450, includes overnight stay, meals and daily spiritual direction (compassionate listening).

To register, please visit www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19
La Crosse – Sunday:
9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) –
Sunday: 7 AM & 11
AM Daily: 7 AM &
6 PM

Catholic

Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic
Cable Television
Vernon Telephone
Cable – Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15
– Coon Valley
Chan 74 – La Crosse
also available via
satellite

Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at [<nfp@diolc.org>](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

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.

- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).