

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)

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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

Amy Stafshien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

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

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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

August 6, 2023

Readings: 632A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



1) 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a: 2) Romans 9:1-5:
3) Matthew 14:22-33

Intentions

Aug 12 ~ 4:00 PM - † Larry and Myrtle Geier
Aug 13 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family
Aug 15 ~ 5:15 PM - † Woody Roningen (Holy Day)
Aug 17 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS
Aug 19 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Aug 20 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Dickman

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.
Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 22 & 29.
 Nov 19. Dec 10.
Weekdays open: Oct 24, Nov 9, 14, & 28.
 Dec. 14, 19, 26, & 28. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Aug 19/20

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

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska	Sun. – Volunteer
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Graboski and Bernie Roesler	

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).

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.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- August 14 ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- August 14-18 ~ Fr. Joe on PTO
- August 15 ~ *Holy Day of Obligation, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, Mass 5:15 PM
- August 17 ~ No daily Mass
- August 19/20 ~ Mission Coop weekend

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday
7:15am to 7:45am



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 August 11, 2023
 Pledges received at the Diocese(26):
 \$92,720.00
 Payments received at the Diocese: \$24,210.00
 Under Goal (\$12,280.00)
 Percent of Goal Pledge: 88.30%
 Percent of Goal Received: 23.06%



Needed for the Month of July

\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$7,731.25	Received over 5 weeks
(\$2,268.75)	Short for the Month



Giving Last Week		Week 32	8/6/2023
Adult Env(28)	\$960.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	<u>157.25</u>	Received This Week	\$1,117.25
Total	<u>\$1,117.25</u>	Running total needed	\$64,000.00
		YTD Received	\$54,040.01
		Difference	(9,959.99)

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

I have a smattering of reflection and business for you this weekend.

First, an announcement. Given the scale of Coon Valley's parish picnic a few weeks ago, I have officially rebranded it (in my mind) as "SummerFest," (end of announcement). I've also mentioned the upcoming Viroqua parish picnic (August 27 at Eckhart Park, after the 10:30 Mass), and several folks have asked me with a coy little grin, "Is Viroqua gonna go that big?" Great question, and the short answer is, "Not at all, and that's really good." The slightly longer answer is "Not at all, and that's really good, because they're two very different things." SummerFest (in my mind) served the excellent purpose of reaching out to the Coon Valley/Westby/Chaseburg/Viroqua area, drawing our Catholic and non-Catholic friends together to enjoy a beautiful afternoon together and generate some excellent energy. Viroqua's upcoming Parish Picnic is very much geared inward toward our Catholic community – a chance for our kids to run around together, to say goodbye to summer and to welcome a new school year, and a moment to recreate with each other. The former goes wide, the latter goes deep, and a healthy community needs both. Thank you to everyone who did make/is making these events happen!

Second, a reminder that this Monday/Tuesday we'll be celebrating the Assumption, also a Holy Day of Obligation. Thanks to a scheduling hiccup that's entirely my fault, I won't be here, but Msgr. Kachel and his associate Fr. Tim will celebrate Masses according to the schedule: August 14 at 5:15 and August 15 at 12:10 in Viroqua, August 15 at 5:15 in Coon Valley. August 16 is also my mother's birthday, but that's not really relevant here. With me out of town there will also not be Mass Wednesday through Friday, although there will be a Communion service and adoration Wednesday evening from 5:15-6:30 in Viroqua.

Finally, a note of gratitude. One of my seminary professors once dropped a wisdom bomb on us: "Men, make sure you take your vacation, A) so you can get away from your people, and B) so that your people can get away from you." I'll be up in the Boundary Waters next week and swinging through the Northwoods for a few days after, which of course means I won't be here. Given that my schedule has a fairly public impact you might be thinking to yourself, "gosh this guy is away a lot," which is a fair thing to think. Parish priests have a pretty generous vacation package (allowed up to four weeks a year); pair that with our annual weeklong retreat and other business away from the parish, and "gosh this guy is away a lot," makes some sense. Anyway, I try to space that time strategically so as to miss as few weekends as possible and also to stay ahead of my own needed recovery and re-creation. The simple truth is that there's an emotional and spiritual cost to Pastoring, and this type of time away is an invaluable part of the sharpening kit that keeps my life and leadership in some kind of order. Thank you for carrying the real burden of not having the Pastor around for some time, and I'll see you on August 22!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Don't miss the opportunity to get a free portrait of you and your family!

Book Now for your church photo directory!

Thank you to all parishioners who have scheduled their appointments to have their picture taken for our new church directory. If you discover you need to change your appointment day or time please contact Clarice Kammel.

Committee members have been trying to contact all those who haven't scheduled yet so please return their calls if they've left you a message. It would be great if all members of our parish were included in the directory as we probably won't do another again for many years. **All those who do 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.

Those of you who would like to still sign up on your own may do so. Just sign into the [website www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and use church code **wi259** and password **photos**.



Event Photos for the Directory

If you have taken photos of any recent parish events such as: Spring Luncheon, Youth Celebration-Graduates, Confirmants, 1st Communicants, Community Picnic, Pancake Breakfast, Craft Sale, etc. Please email them to the parish office at: stmaryscv@mwt.net for consideration in the Photo directory.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

"I am not alone in my grief"—Franciscan Spirituality Center *Listening Together*: A Monthly Grief Support Group meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Laurie Swan facilitates. The next session is Aug. 14. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Grief Circle, five-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting September 13. Karna Marks and Kay Kienetz facilitate. Cost is \$50 for the series or \$20 with discount code GRIEF60.

Death Café, open conversation about death, dying, loss and grief, meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 28. Erica G. Srinivasan facilitates. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Moving Through Grief, six-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting October 4. Cathie Boerboom, RGS, facilitates. Cost is \$125 for the series or \$50 with discount code GRIEF60.

For information or to register contact FSC | 920 Market Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 | 608-791-5295 or online at: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/>

"Spiritual Armor for Everyday Life: Prayer, Humility, and Hope"

The La Crosse Guild of the CMA is sponsoring breakfast and spiritual reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 19, 2023, following the 8:30 am Mass. This event is open to all persons. Cost for buffet breakfast is \$15.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Registration deadline is Monday, August 14th. To register, please send check to Charlie Peters, MD, N8536 County Road TT, Holmen, WI 54636. For questions, contact Dr. Pavela at: slpavela@gmail.com.

Calling all single Catholics! Aug 25-27

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions. This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). (If joining us in-person, use the promo code (PARISH23) when you register to get \$50 off! Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima Parish Visitation Schedule - Aug 26

The Statue of Fatima will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 26th from 10:25 AM-4:30 PM along with 2nd Class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto. See the flyer in back of church for other parish dates throughout the Diocese.

Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome - Sep 13

The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

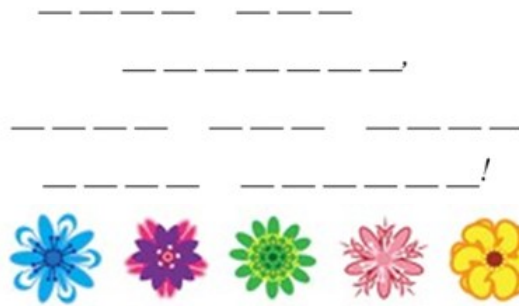
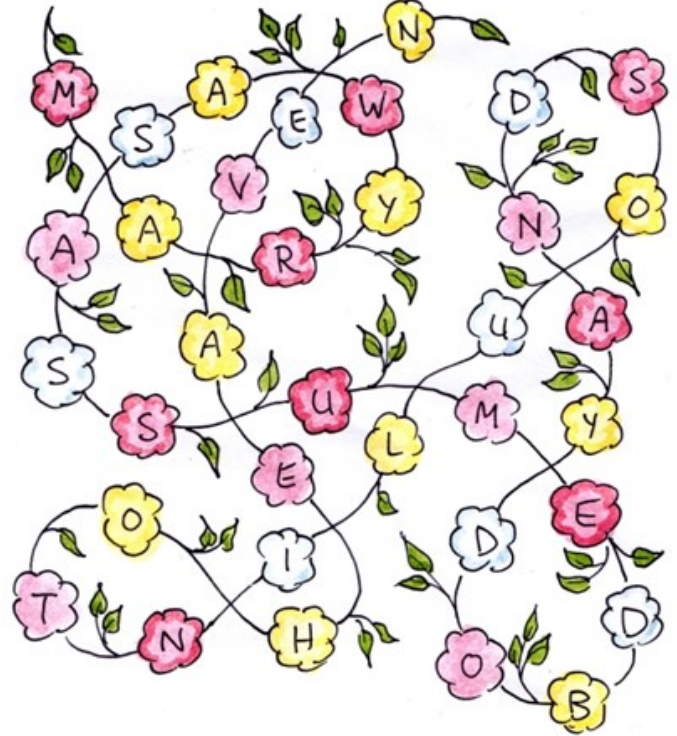
Walking with Women ~ Praying with Scripture—

All women are cordially invited to attend. Our community strives "to love our neighbor as our self", while fostering a deeper relationship with God through meditation on His living word. Meditating on God's Living Word is life-changing and transformative - bringing Jesus deeper into our hearts. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 7th (6 pm - 7:30 pm) in the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Undercroft. Materials will be provided at the first meeting (\$15.00). Meetings take place every other Thursday (altered around holidays) from September through May. Consistent attendance is not required, as each gathering does not build on the other. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ! You may also invite women of other Christian faiths to attend.

Activity Corner

Flowers for Our Lady

This Tuesday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady. What are we celebrating? Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.



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