

St. Mary's Parish

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020

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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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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Into Your Hands

This Sunday we celebrate early event in the life of Jesus' family: his Presentation. The Presentation of Jesus is a very important moment for Mary and Joseph...and us. Every Jewish couple was supposed to bring their first-born son to the Lord in thanksgiving. But also for encouragement. Putting their family in God's hands meant He might call them down a path unimaginable. It also meant He would always be there. At a Presentation spouses invited God into their family, while God reminded them they were a part of His. Let's remember that! We are all in over our heads. We try to do our best, and hope that is enough. The Presentation tells us it is. If we place our lives and world in God's hands, that's enough. When Mary and Joseph and Jesus came to the Temple, they came as they were. They were accepted...so are we.

A favorite prayer of mine to that tune:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

- Thomas Merton (1915 - 1968)
(American monk and mystic)

~Fr. Matt



Giving Last Week		Week 04	1/26/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$753.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	<u>\$100.00</u>	Received This Week	\$853.00
Total	<u>\$853.00</u>	YTD Needed	\$7,600.00
		YTD Received	\$6,079.00
34 Env. Received		Difference	(1,521.00)

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Feb. 14, 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. 01 - 4:00 PM ~ Health of Faith Nemec
Feb. 02 - 9:15 AM ~ †Deceased members of the Fleming and Ollendick Families
Feb. 04 - 6:00 PM ~ NO MASS
Feb. 05 - 8:00 AM ~ †Edward and Anna Kerska
Feb. 07 - 8:00 AM ~ Health of Joe and Judy Roskos
Feb. 08 - 4:00 PM ~ †Robert Welsh
Feb. 09 - 9:15 AM ~ †Ken and Irene Roesler

Annual Appeal 2019-2020

As of 01/24/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$13,395.00	\$12,695.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Under Target	\$1,640.00	\$940.00
Percent Pledged: 113.95%, Percent Received: 108%		
Number Contributing:	35	

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.

Next Week in Service

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

	Sat., Feb. 08 4:00 PM	Sun., Feb 09 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Lily, Chloe and Sophie Ackerman
Reader (s):	Nancy Peters	Tracy Brown
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Humfeld	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Mark Boland and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg	
Altar Server sign up at:	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4	

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Feb. 1/2	During Mass	Special Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)
Feb. 1/2	During Mass	Blessing of St. Blase
Feb. 2	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Feb. 4	6:00 PM	NO Mass—Fr. Matt has Deanery Meeting
Feb. 7	8:00 AM	Mass and First Friday Adoration
Feb. 9	After Mass	Religious Education Classes/Trip to the Synagogue
Feb. 16		NO Religious Education Classes
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
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

Synagogue Field Trip, Sunday February 9th

We will be taking a field trip to the synagogue in La Crosse. We will depart around 10:30 AM by way of bus (thank you Aquinas!). Our Sunday school students will be offered seats first, along with the students from Immanuel Lutheran in Viroqua. After they are on we will offer seats to anyone else interested. Rabbi Brian Searle will talk with us for about an hour and then their community has offered us

some snacks to follow in their hall. After some time of visiting we will head to Pizza Doctors for a lunch buffet. We should arrive back here at St. Mary's around 2:30 - 3 PM. **All are welcome to attend.** Please sign up in the back of church this weekend or next so that I can get a head count to Rabbi Brian.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. ***Envelopes for the collection are in the pews this weekend.***

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.

Thank You

The Butikk would like to thank you for your most generous donation of \$577.00. We will be able to assist many people with this gift. We truly appreciate your support.

With grateful hearts, Pastor Gary Daines and the Bethel Butikk

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

Super Sunday Breakfast at the Coon Valley Legion

This Sunday, 8 AM to Noon all are welcome at the Legion for Pancakes, Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy, Milk, Juice and Coffee. Proceeds go for Coon Valley Main Street Flags.

Burger Night at the Coon Valley Legion

This Monday, February 3rd from 5-8 PM for only \$5. Proceeds go to help pay the flood insurance.

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Annual Appeal

2019 tax acknowledgements will be mailed by 1/31/2020. Parishioners should receive them in mailboxes the week of 2/3/20. Please call or email Sarah Komperud if you have any questions, 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diolc.org.

Coulee Region Mardi Gras

2020 Mardi Gras Ball, February 8
2020 Fat Tuesday Celebration, February 25
For more information and ticketing, visit:
<https://www.lacrossemaidigras.com/>

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.

La Crosse Warming Center Events/ Announcements

La Crosse Lenten Luncheon - Save the Date

We will be hosting our 14th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, April 1st. Learn more or make your RSVP today!

Front Desk Volunteers Needed

In order to devote more resources to helping those in need in our community, Catholic Charities relies on community volunteers to cover our front desks. They assist us in answering phones, greeting clients, and helping programs with small admin jobs. We have openings from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 - 4:00 pm at both office locations. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity please visit cclse.org or email Jim Horman, our volunteer coordinator, at jhorman@cclse.org.

Healing the Healer: A Retreat for Health-Care Workers

Franciscan Spirituality Center | 920 Market St, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601 | (608) 791-5295 | fscenter@fspa.org | FEBRUARY 22 • Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Presenters: Jeannette Spilde, M.D., and Jean Pagliaro Investment: \$65, includes lunch Registration deadline: February 8 Calling all physicians, nurses, medical personnel, veterinarians, chaplains, social workers, therapists and counselors. Is your work as a health-care provider hurting you? Have you been feeling down, exhausted, cynical or stressed? Is the pain and trauma of others affecting your mood, thoughts and relationships? This day will provide an uplifting time of renewal with the support of others. Activities will include both large- and small-group discussion, time for meditation or prayer, and options for journaling or other forms of self-reflection.

On February 21nd-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.

Seeking future homeowners!

Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Habitat's Homeowner Program? Our next Homeowner Informational Meetings will be February 27-29. Click here to fill out an interest form to be notified about the dates and times.

Volunteers Needed

Did you know Habitat builds through the winter? We currently have six homes under construction and need volunteers. We do have indoor opportunities available. Sign up today at www.habitatlacrosse.org/volunteer

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/

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/



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

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).