

**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**

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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

Sunday .....10:30 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](http://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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [fatherjoerichards@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjoerichards@gmail.com) You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://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](http://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](http://stmarycv.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley)

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Which of the two did his father's will?**

**~Matthew 21:28-32**

**Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor**

**October 1, 2023**

**Readings: 653A**

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Sunday Readings

#### October 01, 2023

1) Ezekiel 18:25-28; 2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
3) Matthew 21:28-32

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **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 09** ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- **Oct 15** ~ Our *Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser* from 7:30 AM—Noon
- **Oct 15** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Oct 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 23** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM

<b>Intentions</b>
Sep 30 ~ 4:00 PM - † Larry and Myrtle Geier
Oct 01 ~ 8:00 AM - † Norbert and Arlene Seichter
Oct 03 ~ 5:15 PM - † Patricia Klos
Oct 05 ~ 8:00 AM - † Norbert and Arlene Seichter
Oct 07 ~ 4:00 PM - † David Holte
Oct 08 ~ 8:00 AM - † Robert Dickman

### 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.

# MASS Intentions

All 2023 Mass Intention Dates are FULL!


If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto: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.

### 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.




<u>Next Week in Service — Oct 7 / 8</u>	
If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!	
Readers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Jeana LeJeune <b>Sun.</b> – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers <b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman




### 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)



### 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](http://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).



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$11,467.36	Received as of week 4
\$3,467.36	Over for the Month

Giving Last Week		Week 38	9/24/2023
Adult Env(26)	\$955.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	493.00	Received This Week	\$1,788.00
PC Breakfast(10)	205.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$78,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,788.00</u></b>	YTD Received	\$70,306.37
		Difference	(7,693.63)

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

We've had some business moving lately, so let me get it on paper for you.

First, I mentioned at the 8:00 Mass last weekend (and neglected to mention it at the 4:00) that we're doing some tree work on the property – pulling the arborvitae by the rectory and putting in a few more deciduous trees (maple & oak) on the grounds. Three things: first, if you're interested in sponsoring a tree (\$100-\$200 depending on the variety) let me know by text or email. Second, we're eyeballing five trees. Third, mapping this isn't a one-man decision – we've got a little committee working out placement, with earnest consideration for our land's other needs (I'm looking at you, party tent). If you're keenly interested in helping out with that decision-making process, let me know sooner than later.

Second, you may have heard rumors about upcoming rectory work. A few weeks ago, the Finance Council voted in favor of a bid to replace the rectory's fascia and gutters, to be followed by repainting and continued cosmetic work (all next calendar year). There's a price tag to go along with this decision, but (along with the sidewalk, gutters, and garage roof) our campaign proceeds cover the cost. Again, the house has good bones, now we're plugging away at what's on the bones one piece at a time.

This brings me to my next point: a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the campaign! These funds are covering our recent work as well as this upcoming rectory work. Here's a reminder that we are going to hold the fund drive for the Bishop's Annual Appeal sometime next month (November). This annual drive supports diocesan ministries like the vocations office, works of charity, and parish services.

And finally, an FYI pulling back the curtain on two directed ministries I'm involved in between our two parishes: RCIA & Marriage Prep. We're starting up RCIA (adult preparation for baptism and/or reception into the Church) for three (possibly four) individuals shortly. Viroqua parishioners Dan Kiedinger and Alex Kararo are helping me with this (big thanks to them!) – please pray for our team as well as for our discerners who are taking a deep dive into this work. We've also got six couples (possibly eight soon) going through marriage preparation either for convalidation (two civilly married couples preparing for sacramental marriage) or for the full shebang. These sessions demand a lot out of the couples – usually around ten visits with Deacon or myself, a retreat, and some deep personal work. It is very clearly not “wedding preparation” but “marriage preparation.” Pray for them and for their constant conversion of heart!

Alright, that's it for today. Take a well-earned deep breath.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



### Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 15 from 7:30 AM—NOON

The breakfast will be here before you know it!

**Donation Envelopes:** Please help save on mailing expense, **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPE.** Again, instead of a raffle this year we request a donation of at least \$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. You may return in by mail or drop in the collection basket.

**Flyers:** Extra flyers are in the back of church, please help spread the word by posting in the community or at your place of business.

**Sign-up to help:** The sign up sheet will be coming soon. Please prayerfully consider how you might volunteer for this event.

**Bake Sale:** The PCCW will again host their amazing bake sale during the event. So break out those favorite fall recipes and bring your best goods when called upon.

Lets all work together to make it another successful parish event!

### 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.



### Church Directory Family Photo Shoot Update

Thank you to Clarice Kammel and all the volunteers who have helped make this project a success. Throughout the process we have updated our registry. Current family registrations total 111 with 71 having their photos taken!

### Registering Crafters for our December 2nd Craft Sale

The PCCW is still accepting crafters for our upcoming show on December 2nd at the Village Hall. Crafters save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: [www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show) for more information and download the registration form. Contact person is Nancy Peters, call (608) 790-6034 or email: [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### GRACE Community Bags Program – Donation Items Needed

In the beginning of the year, Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support Program saw a need in our communities. Several women and families were reaching out for services for items like diapers, wipes, and resources. Since starting the program in April, we have distributed bags to 300 families in need. With our GRACE Community Bags being dispersed from our Eau Claire and La Crosse offices, and the success of our outreach, we are in need of items to continue supporting families, specifically diapers (open and partially used packs are ok) and wipes. Drop off at Catholic Charities, 3710 East Ave South, La Crosse, WI. Questions, please contact Meghan Brennan at [mbrennan@cclse.org](mailto:mbrennan@cclse.org) or call 608-782-0710.



## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### St Joseph's Ridge Community Blood Drive

Monday, Oct. 9 from 1—6 PM

At the Town of Greenfield Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road. Walk in's welcome but appointments are preferred, call 877-232-4376.

### Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11

St. Peter's 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](http://www.menofthecross.org)

### Organ Recital - Oct 15

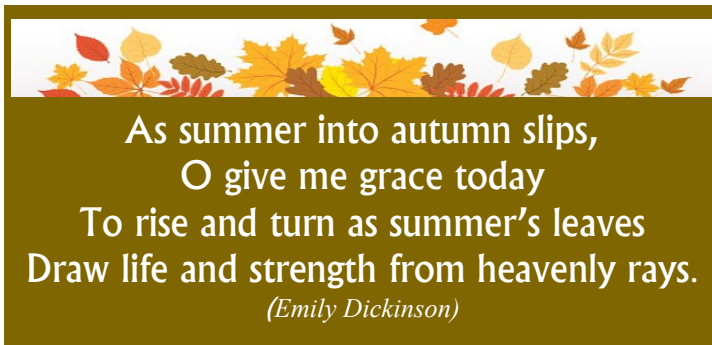
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites you to come to the Shrine this October 15 at 3 PM for an exceptional organ recital by John Turkington. Free admission—all welcome. Learn more at [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)!

### 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](http://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](http://queenoftheamericasguild.org) or call 630-584-1822 or email: [staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org](mailto:staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org)

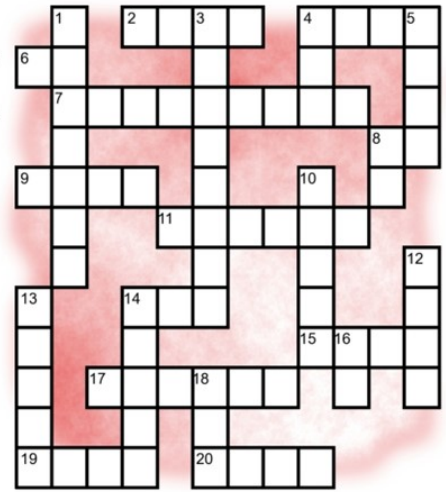


## Activity Corner

### Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.  
a=across & d=down.

COMMITTED  
INIQUITY  
BECAUSE  
UNFAIR IF  
VIRTUE IS  
TURNS IF  
SHALL HE  
SINCE DIE  
MUST ALL  
LORD SAY  
SAYS FAIR  
JUST SINS  
DOES LIVE



Thus \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) the \_\_\_\_\_: (20a) You \_\_\_\_\_, (14a) "The Lord's way is not \_\_\_\_\_!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways \_\_\_\_\_? (17a) When someone virtuous \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) away from \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) to commit \_\_\_\_\_, (3d) and dies, \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) is \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) die. But \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has \_\_\_\_\_, (7a) and \_\_\_\_\_ (4a) what is right and \_\_\_\_\_, (9a) he shall preserve his life; \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) he has turned away from \_\_\_\_\_ (18d) the \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) that he committed, he \_\_\_\_\_ (13d) surely \_\_\_\_\_, (19a) he shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (4d)

Answers: Across: 2.fair 4.does 6.the 7.committed 8.is 9.just 11.virtue 14.say 15.sins 17.unfair 19.live 20.Lord. Down: 1.because 3.iniquity 4.die 5.says 8.it 10.turns 12.must 13.shall 14.since 16.if 18.all



### 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](mailto: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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