

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

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March 10, 2024

Readings: 512B



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

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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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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,
Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda
Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & 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 jrichards@diolclergy.org 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, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Readings

March 10, 2024

1) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; 2) Ephesians 2:4-10;
3) John 3:14-21

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 9

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-4: 00pm Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector:

SUNDAY, March 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

-8:00am Mass - † Gavin Williams
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti & Rodney & Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, March 12

-5:15pm - Stations of the Cross Server: Trevor B.
-approx. 5:45pm - Mass - † Ed Marks

THURSDAY, March 14

-8:00am Mass - † Barbara Martinez

SATURDAY, March 16

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-4: 00pm Mass - † Edwin and Anna Sedevie
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, March 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland



CONFESSIONS

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



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

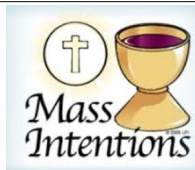
Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 03/06/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$11,800.00	\$8,500.00
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$2,715.00)	(\$6,015.00)
Percent Pledged: 80.51%, Percent Received: 57.80%		
Number Contributing: 24		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, recurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Mar 11 ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30PM
- Mar 12 ~5:15 PM Stations of the Cross - 5:45 PM Mass
- Mar 17 ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Cecilia Guild
- Mar 19 ~5:15 PM Stations of the Cross - 5:45 PM Mass
- Mar 26 ~5:15 PM Stations of the Cross - 5:45 PM Mass
- Mar 28 ~ No 8 AM Mass
- Mar 28 ~ Holy Thursday Mass in Viroqua at 5:15 PM
- Mar 29 ~ Good Friday Service - here at 12:10 PM - in Viroqua at 3:00 PM
- Mar 29 ~ Passion Play in Viroqua at 7:00 PM
- Mar 30 ~ Holy Saturday in Viroqua at 8:00 PM
- Mar 31 ~ Easter Sunday - 8 AM Mass
- Apr 07 ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- Apr 11 ~ 🎂 🕊 Fr. Joe's Birthday! 🎁 🕊
- Apr 13 ~ LDCCW Spring Conference



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 9, 23 & 30; Jul 20; Aug 3 or 4, 10, 11, 24, 31.

Open Weekdays: Apr. 11; May 2, 7, 14, & 23. Jun. 11, 18, 20, & 25. Jul 4, 11, & 30.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of March 06, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: **\$36,879.50**

THANK YOU!



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,623.00	Received as of week 1
(\$8,377.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week

		3/3/2024	
Adult Env(31)	\$1310.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Sun Offertory	\$247.00	Received This Week	\$1,623.00
Votive Candles	\$66.00	Running total needed	\$18,000.00
Total	\$1,623.00	YTD Received	\$17,684.42
		Difference	(315.58)
Food Pantry	\$101.00		
Easter Flowers	\$50.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

We are quickly coming up to the climactic Easter Triduum. As we've been pointing out for the last few weeks, Lent is directed toward Christ's resurrection at Easter but more properly toward the full story of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The Easter Triduum marks this whole story with the following moments:



Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper (5:15 in Viroqua): This liturgy starts off just like any Sunday Mass, then immediately changes pace. We'll bring back the Gloria, and during the whole singing of this joyful song I'll have a server ringing the heck out of the bells. As they fade out, a somber spirit descends on the liturgy. The next anomaly comes halfway through, when following Jesus' washing of the apostles' feet at the first Holy Thursday I'll wash twelve parishioners' feet. A bit further on I'll likely get choked up at the consecration, since this is the 1992nd anniversary of the first consecration. Finally, instead of the Mass ending as usual, the liturgy concludes with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to a separate chapel, leaving the church suspensefully empty. We then keep watch with the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, following Jesus' "could you not watch with me one hour?"

Good Friday (12:10 in Coon Valley, 3:00 in Viroqua): This service continues the liturgy of Holy Thursday in three parts – the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and the distribution of Holy Communion. Holy Thursday's suspenseful theme flows through this whole prayer, focusing us in on that Moment on Calvary two millennia ago. Later in the evening (7:00) we'll also have a presentation of a Passion Play from a dedicated group of our parishioners.

Easter Vigil (8:15 PM in Viroqua): This is the liturgical high point of the entire year, finally celebrating the Lord's resurrection that we've been waiting for! The whole liturgy begins in darkness, with all the church's lights blacked out and unlit candles in each of your hands. A fire kindles in the entry, the Easter candle is lit and carried into the Church, and as we move forward everybody's candles are lit off of that one single flame. The extra readings this evening look at God's light revealing Him to the world throughout history, culminating in Mary Magdalene leading the apostles to the empty tomb. We'll also baptize one catechumen and bring another Christian into the Catholic Church at this Mass, which is pretty cool.

Looking at all of this together, you may notice that there is a defined continuity through the entire Triduum. If this is familiar to you, please join us again. If you have never experienced the full story like this, allow me to encourage you to give it a shot. It's a lot, it's time and energy intensive to participate in, and it is the single most significant moment in the life of the Church. God bless you, and may your Lent continue to bear profound fruit in your life.

~Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



The Photo Directories Have Arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick up your free copy in the back of church this weekend. If you would like an additional directory or did not have your photo taken and would like a copy, we have additional copies for sale, the cost is \$8.00. Please contact Clarice Kammel or the parish office to purchase.

Easter Flower Donations

Please use the envelope included in your booklet. Additional envelopes are at the back of the church and near the side door. Thank you for your support.

Lenten Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services and Student Mite Boxes for Missionary Childhood Association are now available in the back of the church.



PASSION PLAY - Mar 29

Annunciation of the BVM Parish in Viroqua will have a live performance of the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM. It takes many hands to produce good theater so if you interested in helping with acting, costumes, props, set production, lighting, makeup, etc., please contact Brenda Corr 608.632.5208. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-8 PM during Lent with possible additional times during Holy Week. (Parental discretion is advised for children under the age of reason as this will be a realistic depiction of Christ's suffering and death on the cross.)

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Job Opportunities at the Diocese of La Crosse

An Accounting Services Professional is needed for the Shared Services department at the Diocese. Please visit <https://diolc.org/jobs/> for a complete listing of job opportunities including the Accounting Services Professional.

The Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit – Mar 13 to 20

All are welcome to visit the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe from March 13, 2024 - March 20, 2024 @5:00 pm. View a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion. "It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person."

Fish Fry – Mar 15

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 15, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Passion Sunday Concert – Mar 17

Starting at 3:00 PM, The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI, invites all to a Baroque, **Passion Sunday Concert, Membra Jesu nostri patientis sanctissima**, which contemplates the: pierced feet, bent knees, bleeding hands, wounded side, revered breast, loving heart, and thorn-crowned face. No admission cost! Learn more about the hour-long musical journey at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon – Mar 20

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. We will be honoring our In My Name Award recipient, Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award recipients Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase! Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please **RSVP** online at <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/> by March 15 as seating is limited.

Chrism Mass – Mar 26

The Mass will be on March 26, 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. Please consider attending!

Roncalli Newman Lenten Penance Service - Mar 19

Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse will be hosting a penance service Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm. The evening will include Lenten prayers, songs and the opportunity for Confession with Father Billy Dodge, Father Sam McCarty, or two other priests. Whether it's been 2 weeks or 20 years since you've been to Confession, you are welcome here! Join us in this beautiful way to prepare for Easter.

Celebrate Life Convention - Abby Johnson Event – Apr 13

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LCDCCW) is hosting their biennial convention on April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. We are encouraging everyone to purchase a ticket for the event, attend the full day or just the luncheon to hear the guest speaker Abby Johnson.

Abby Johnson is the author of Unplanned, which was made into a movie of the same name. Ms. Johnson was a Planned Parenthood Director for many years. After witnessing an abortion on ultrasound Abby changed her position on abortion. Her testimony is powerful, join us in hearing her important message. For registration and more information visit www.ldccw.org

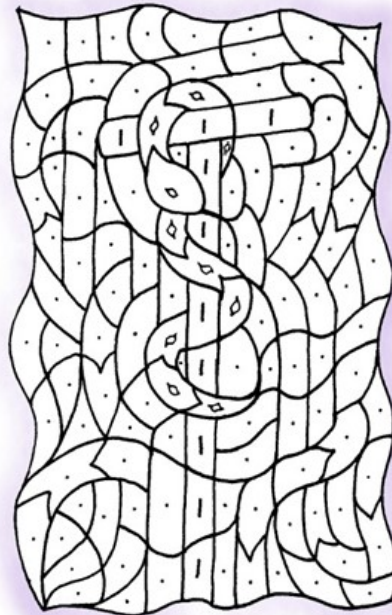


Please Donate to Project Milk!

Your help is needed, as we prepare to purchase whole powdered milk for the children of Casa Hogar and other surrounding orphanages in Peru. We are \$32,000 short of funding to purchase a full shipping container, which is 800 bags of milk (we currently have enough for 500 bags). Please consider donating by visiting frjoesguild.org/donate/. Select "Project Milk" from the designation menu. If you prefer to donate by mail, scroll down that webpage for instructions, and write "Project Milk" on the memo line of your check. The Children of Casa Hogar and the members of the Rural Life Committee thank you!

Activity Corner

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10th, 2024



*Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven.
When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live.
What was it? Use the colour code to find out!*

· blue | brown < green



Fish Frynder is Live!

For a complete list of all diocesan parish Lenten meals, organized by day, visit the Fish Frynder at diolc.org/fishfrynder or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right above.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- Those sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net



The Fourth Week of Lent

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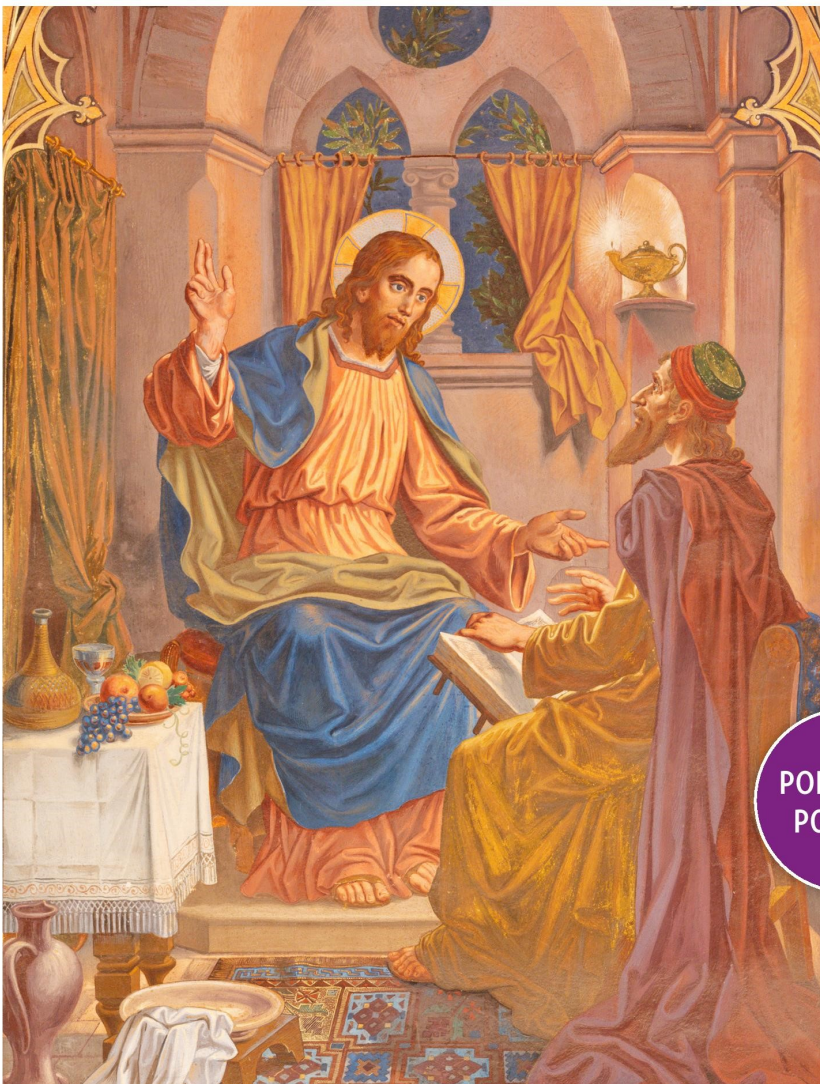
Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

The Name of the Son

John 3:14–21

The events that give rise to the teachings in today's Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn't quite ready to make a public commitment.



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The people of the Gospels aren't so very different from us. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you've known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of famous people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. Sometimes we fall victim to this same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. While we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world today people are being killed for their Christian beliefs. Truly the words of John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life") are at the very center of our faith. The season of Lent is the perfect reminder that we are called to let our faith show in our daily lives — with joy and fervor!

POINTS TO PONDER

- Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?
- Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?
- "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light" (Jn 3:21). How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?

CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

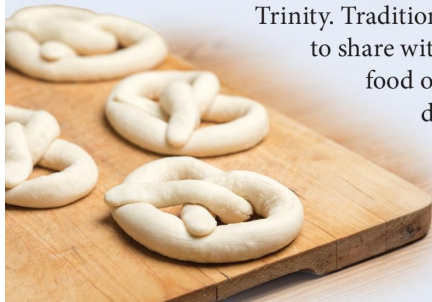
A Good Pharisee

Although the word “Pharisee” has come to have a negative connotation, not all Pharisees were wicked. Nicodemus, the curious Pharisee in today’s Gospel, was one of those who eventually followed Jesus. A member of the Sanhedrin, he defends Jesus when the chief priests are debating what to do with Jesus. And after the Crucifixion, along with Joseph of Arimathea, he brought about a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloe to anoint Jesus’ body. Tradition says that he was martyred for the Faith.

FamilyActivity

Pretzel Prayers

Once considered the official Catholic food of Lent, pretzels date back at least 1,400 years. Because fat, eggs, and milk were part of the Lenten abstinence, these little bites of bread made only with flour, salt, and water were invented. They were wrapped in the shape of arms crossed in prayer, and the three holes in the middle represented the Trinity. Traditionally, pretzels were the perfect food to share with people who were struggling for food or living on the streets because they didn’t spoil easily. Make your own pretzels as a family (find a recipe on the Internet), and share them with someone in need in your neighborhood or community.



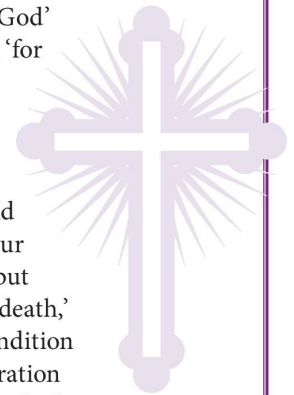
“Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts.”

— Pope Francis

Catechism CONNECTION

“By the grace of God’ Jesus tasted death ‘for every one’” (Heb 2:9). In his plan of salvation, God ordained that his Son should not only ‘die for our sins’ (1 Cor 15:3) but should also ‘taste death,’ experience the condition of death, the separation of his soul from his body, between the time he expired on the cross and the time he was raised from the dead.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 624



LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“No one who lights a lamp hides it away or places it [under a bushel basket], but on a lampstand so that those who enter might see the light.” — Luke 11:33

Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.



The liturgical color for Lent is purple, symbolizing pain, suffering, and mourning.

But why purple? Purple was the most expensive color in biblical times.

Extracted from a sea snail, it took as many as 12,000 shells to get enough dye to color a handkerchief. Because of the enormous cost, only the wealthiest wore purple garments. When soldiers mocked Jesus for being the “King of the Jews,” they put a purple robe on his shoulders to belittle his claim. Therefore, we use the color purple during Lent to remind us of the passion and death of the Lord.

