

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

*Month
of the
Rosary*



October 19, 2025 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 664C

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

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appointment

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Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday
morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

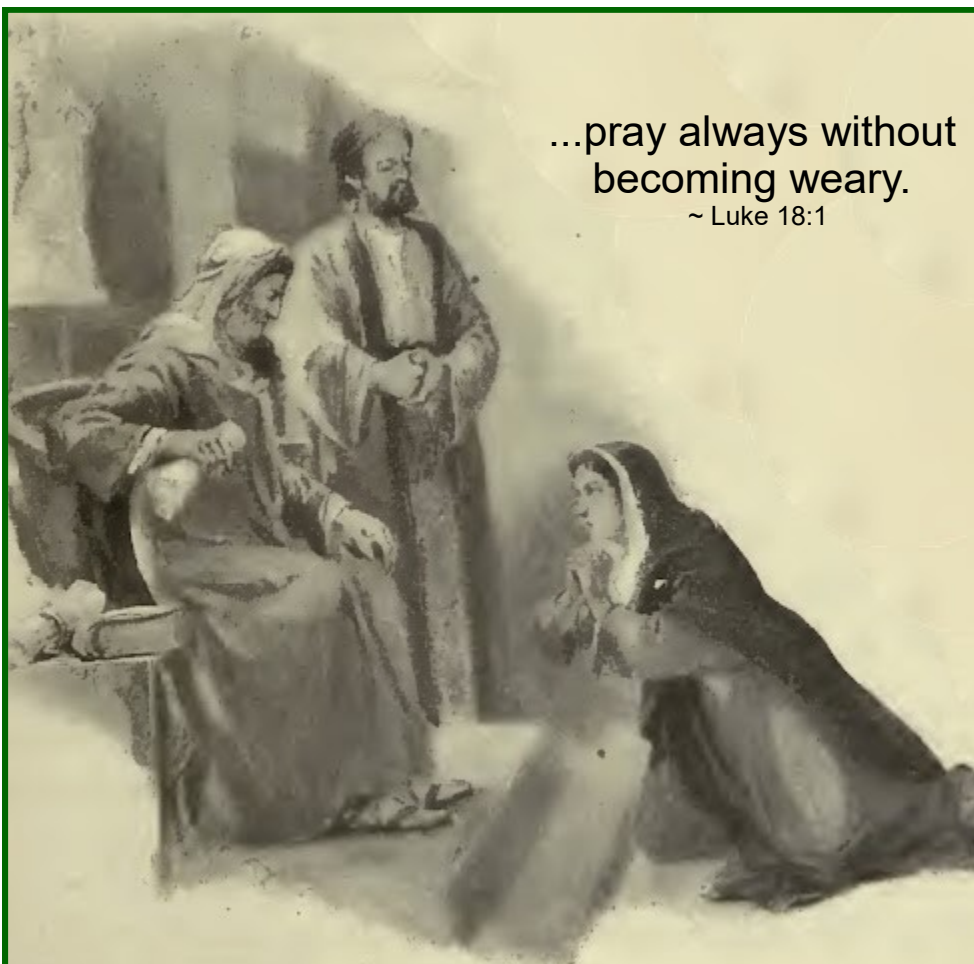
Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



**...pray always without
becoming weary.**

~ Luke 18:1

Administrative Assistant

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Parish Finance Council

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

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

Fr. Joe also serving:

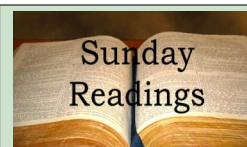
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



October 19, 2025

- 1) Exodus 17:8-13
- 2) 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
- 3) Luke 18:1-8

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 4:00pm Mass - † The Roskos and Roningan Families
(living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, October 19

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 8:00am Mass - For the People

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, October 21

Weekday

~ 4:30pm Adoration

~ 5:15pm Mass - † John and Maria Rabotski

THURSDAY, October 23

St. John of Capistrano

~ 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Ray and Mary Sedevie

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, October 26

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 8:00am Mass - † Marlis Urbanek

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mark Boland and Mike Kammel



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Oct 18/19 ~ World Mission Sunday
- Oct 19 ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass
~ Parish Social hosted by St. Cecelia Guild
- Oct 22 ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- Oct 25/26 ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal Weekend
- Oct 26 ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- Oct 29 ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- Nov 1 ~ All Saints Day
- Nov 2 ~ All Souls' Day
~ Daylight Savings Time ends, clocks back 1 hr at 2 AM
~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- Nov 3 ~ Greif Share, Surviving the Holidays in Viroqua
from 5-7 PM
~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- Nov 5 ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- Nov 9 ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- Nov 12 ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- Nov 14 ~ Movie Night starting at 6 PM
- Nov 16 ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass
~ Parish Social hosted by St. Rose Guild
- Nov 19 ~ First Reconciliation with Fr. Joe



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Nov 8, 9 & 30. Dec 7, 13, 14, 27, & 28.

Open Weekdays: Oct 28. Nov 25. Dec. 2, 11 & 23.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,643.00	Received as of week 2
(\$2,357.00) Difference for the Month	

Giving Last Week			10/12/2025
Adult Env ()	\$1,972.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	328.00	Received This Week	\$2,811.00
Pancke Bkft(15)	441.00	Running total needed	\$82,000.00
Rel. Ed. Reg.	70.00	YTD Received	\$80,376.07
Total	\$2,811.00	Difference	(1,623.93)
Mission Coop	\$122.00	Food Pantry	\$70.00



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of September 5, 2025
Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$63,866.50
THANK YOU!

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.

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

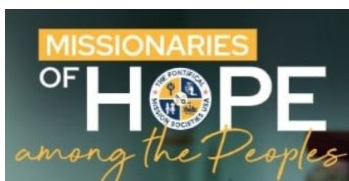
On Thursday last week we had a number of Saints to choose from in our Mass celebration – while we landed with St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (the seventeenth-century promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart), St. Hedwig offered another possibility as well as the more obscure St. Longinus. Longinus is an interesting figure – depicted in Viroqua’s new sanctuary artwork as the soldier holding a lance. Going back to the seventh or eighth centuries, the Church has identified the soldier of John 19:34 with Saint Longinus.

Skip past this part if you’ve got a queasy stomach, as it’ll have a few more gruesome details. As the story goes in the Gospel of Good Friday, at Jesus’ crucifixion He was crucified along with two criminals on the day before the Sabbath. For context, crucifixion typically worked its effects over the course of a few days, culminating in a death by suffocation when the person’s muscular system couldn’t support their weight to catch a breath. Crucifixion was a cruel way to punish someone and send a hard and public message to any sympathizers or “colleagues,” intended to heap shame and clear defeat on top of a rather unpleasant death. It was also customary not to leave crucified victims/criminals alive through the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday), so after a few hours the crucifiers set about hurrying up the process by breaking first the criminals’ legs, then finding Jesus already expired. As John 19:33-34 goes, “when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.”

This is Longinus’ moment of encounter with Jesus Christ – there in the power of blood and water flowing from Jesus’ side to sanctify and renew. Longinus stands as the first person after Jesus’ death to have their life turned around by the same power of His sacrifice, and as Longinus’ legendary (which is not to say “untrue”) story continues, he ultimately followed Jesus into martyrdom himself. All this time later we hold him up as a Saint made in Christ’s image, following Jesus into death. Whether we choose it or not, the Cross is a charged, challenging, and demanding symbol to us even 2000 years after the initial fact. I find such a tremendous power in the ways the Lord accompanies us in hard moments. Discipleship is not a matter of pleasant familiarity but of following Jesus through this life, through death after Him, and into new life in the wake of His resurrection. I am so grateful to witness Christ moving in your own lives (and mine), and I invite you to spend some time with the many ways Jesus is knocking at the door of your own heart, whether that be in joy or sorrow. There is hope in all things by His grace.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



World Mission Sunday October 19th

Today is World Mission Sunday! Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law—**World Mission Sunday**. Your generosity today supports the **Pope’s missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year’s theme—“*Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*”—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, “Each of us is a mission on this earth” (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ. ***Please use the envelope in you packet or pick one up in the back to the church.***

Pancake Breakfast Update

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Pancake Breakfast such a wonderful success! Your support—whether through volunteering, donating, or attending—helped bring our parish family together in fellowship and generosity. We sold 170 adult tickets and 20 youth tickets, raising \$1,800 in ticket sales and \$100 from leftover sales. As of October 17, 2025, 60 families have contributed to our Pancake Breakfast collection, totaling \$1,716.00. A full financial report will be shared once all income and expenses have been finalized.



Grief Share, Surviving the Holidays

Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the holiday season. What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, (no matter how long they have been gone)! ***Surviving the Holidays*** provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. Please join us for this special 2-hour event.

Date: Monday, November 3rd

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Place: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
400 Congress Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665

To register: Call 608-637-7711 or email the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at stmaryparish@mwt.net or go to griefshare.org/holidays and click on “Find an Event.”

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – Nov 2

On November 2, we observe the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* (All Souls’ Day). On this day, we honor those who have gone before us in faith and pray for them as they are purified before entering the presence of our all-holy God. You are invited to remember loved ones who have died during the past year by writing their names in our **Book of Remembrance**, located in the back of the church.

Parish Announcements continued

October Rosary

The rosary will be recited before the weekend masses during the month of October. Please come to church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate. If you are willing to lead the saying of the rosary contact Karen Callan.

Fall Assembly - Nov 8

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The Way of the Cross—

Richland Center Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Sat., Nov 8 at noon, St. Mary of Nativity Parish, 32605 Durst Lane, Keyesville, WI. Join your sisters in Christ with fellowship of a potluck and presentation by Patrick and Stephanie Schwingle. For more info contact Candace McGarth (LDCCW Pres) candace.ldccw@gmail.com or call 608-647-0400

Diocesan/Community Announcements

Listening Sessions

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures or visit: www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch. Next local session is *October 16 at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse at 6:30 pm*

Fall Gathering - Nov 1

Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church (on Hwy 162 toward Stoddard) Join us for a basket raffle, bake sale and FREE lunch of Chili and Baked Potato Bar. From 10 AM to 1:30 PM. Basket drawing at 1 PM. For raffle tickets contact Nancy Larson 608-386-7411 or email Nlarson@mwt.net or the church at lvcl2015@gmail.com. Need not be present to win.

Wisconsin Bishops' Pastoral Letter on End-of-Life Decisions

Last fall, Wisconsin's bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end-of-life decisions, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*. The letter provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions, and it can be accessed here, For questions related to the moral principles for end of life decisions, you may contact Christopher Ruff in the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns (cruff@dioc.org).

2nd Annual Granny Basketball Exhibition Game – Oct 27

The La Crosse Doe's (Grannys) challenging some of our favorite priests, the Diocesan Padres. The game will be Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 at Aquinas High School in La Crosse. Doors open at 7 p.m. with all donations at the door supporting the children of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru. Last year, we raised \$4,000... let's beat that with grit, giggles and granny hook shots!

Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke for All Saints Day

Saturday, November 1, 2025 @ 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm. Please join us at the Shrine on November 1st, the First Saturday of November, for Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke according to the Ancient Use of the Roman Rite. The Shrine is blessed with dozens of relics of the saints, and many of them will be on display at the Shrine for All Saints Day this year.

All Souls Day Stations – Nov 2

Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse at 3:30pm. Come and pray for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner supporting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at Blessed Sacrament Church in La Crosse. This annual fundraiser promises to be an inspiring evening of celebration, heartfelt stories and renewed commitment to the mission of the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II. <https://frjoesguild.org/events/>

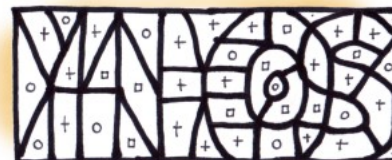
Annual Fall Bazaar - Nov 8

All are welcome to attend the bazaar at Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church (between CV and Chaseburg) from 11 AM to Noon. Lunch will be served, craft items available and baked goods. Raffle drawing at 11:45 AM.

Activity Corner



Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow?
Only fill in the spaces with + 's to find out!



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

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diocclergy.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.