

## PASTOR

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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)

## ORGANISTS

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.stmaryscv.org/visit-us](http://www.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.org/sacraments](http://www.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.org/sacraments](http://www.stmaryscv.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

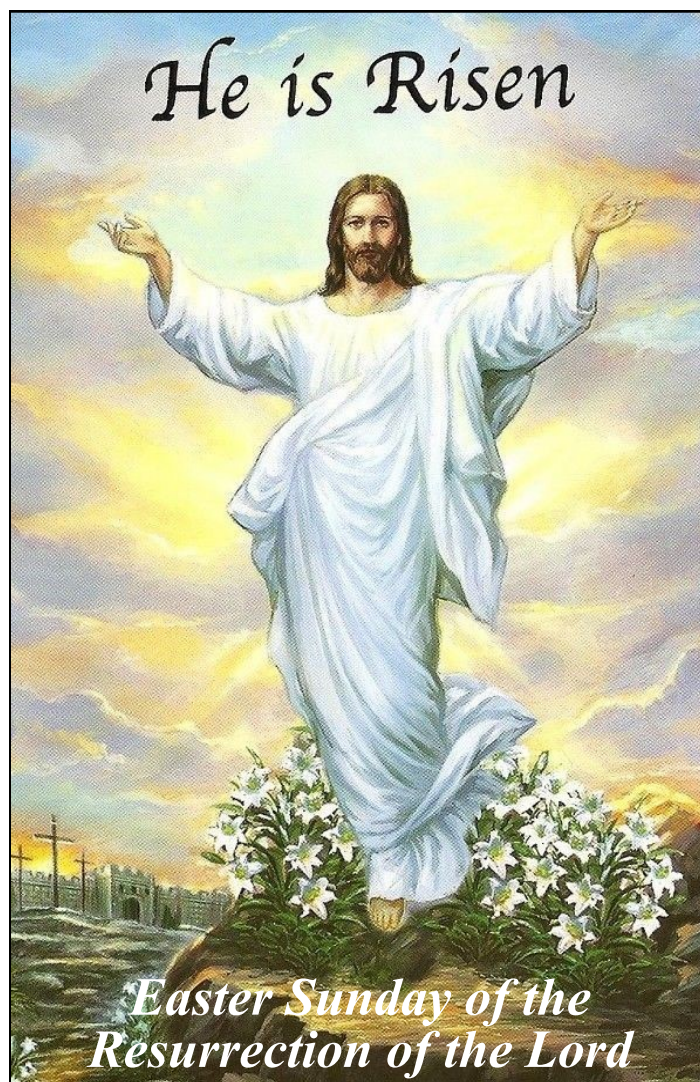
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StMarysCoonValley



**Fr. Joe Richards**  
Pastor

**April 9, 2023**

**Readings: 551A**

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

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### Sunday Readings

April 09, 2023

1) Acts 10:34a, 37-43; 2) Colossians 3:1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; 3) John 20:1-9 or  
Matthew 28:1-10

### Intentions

Apr 08 ~ 4:00 PM - NO MASS here—In Viroqua at 8:15 PM

Apr 09 ~ 8:00 AM - † Mary Joan Meyer and Storey Meyer

Apr 11 ~ 5:15 PM - † Audrey Bissen

Apr 13 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Stevenson

Apr 15 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and  
Roninggen Families

Apr 16 ~ 8:00 AM - † George and Bette Fleming

### Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jun 4 & 25. Jul 2, 16, 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20.

**Weekdays open:** Jun 6, 15 & 22. Aug 1, 29, & 31. 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.



### Next Week in Service — Apr 15/16

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

Readers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Robert Kerska	<b>Sun.</b> – Volunteer
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers	<b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	

### Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

**Tues. from 1:00-6:30 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.

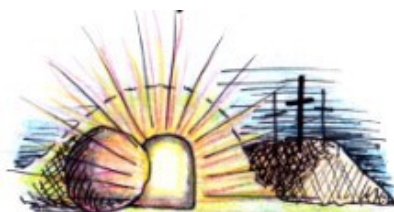


### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **April 11** ~ Fr. Joe's Birthday
- **April 13** ~ Catechism Study Group after 8 AM Mass
- **April 15/16** ~ Second collection for DCCW
- **April 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **April 17-21** ~ Amy on Mission Trip, for Admin needs contact Fr. Joe
- **April 24-28** ~ Fr. Joe on priest retreat, **no weekday Mass**
- **April 27** ~ Catechism Group meeting 8:30 AM
- **April 29** ~ PCCW Spring Luncheon
- **May 4** ~ Confirmation in Richland Center at 6:30 PM
- **May 8** ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- **May 13/14** ~ Mother's Day weekend Rose Sale

**Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:**

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>



Today is the day  
for rejoicing!  
**JESUS IS ALIVE!**

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday**

3:15pm to 3:45pm

**Sunday**

7:15am to 7:45am



**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).

### 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.

Giving Last Week		Week 14	4/2/2023
Adult Env.(33)	\$1,910.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$142.00	Received This Week	\$2,088.00
Votives	\$36.00	Running total needed	\$28,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,088.00</b>	YTD Received	\$25,475.00
Food Pantry	\$105.00	Difference	(2,525.00)
Easter Flowers(3)	\$40.00		





## *Hello friends, and happy Easter!*

Toward the end of a past Lent, a fellow in one of my small groups made a telling comment – “I’m just so ready for Lent to be over.” Maybe you’ve experienced the Holy Spirit’s loaded, suspenseful movement in a moment like this – I certainly did here. This guy had been doing the serious work of Lent in a serious way, and five weeks in he was feeling the fatigue of a full season’s deep interior work. At the start of the season, we had been talking about what we tend to talk about at the start of Lent or Advent – how important it is to take on some significant, impactful kind of prayer, fasting, and abstinence. Advent is great and accessible for this type of thing (after all, anyone can white-knuckle their way through three and a half weeks of extra effort) but Lent is just long enough to meet your breaking point, fall on your face, fruitfully realize you’re not as strong as you thought, and pick yourself up for the last leg of the race. So here this guy was, five weeks into a particularly challenging Lent, having come to that decision point: now that I’m out of steam, am I willing to let my emptiness and helplessness be the place where the Holy Spirit gives me his strength? That guy was at a fork in the road – he could go one way or the other, but he definitely could not pretend his life of discipleship after that fork would look quite the same as it had before.

Over the last few days, we’ve been praying through the shortest and weightiest liturgical season of the year – 52 hours of remembering and walking through Christ’s Passion from his Last Supper, agony, and arrest (Holy Thursday) to his trial, crucifixion, and death (Good Friday), culminating finally with his resurrection at the Easter Vigil. Holy Thursday and Good Friday see Jesus at the breaking point, where his decision to persevere and keep carrying his cross for us finally kills him. Easter sees the resurrection breaking through the impenetrable tragedy of this moment. The whole ordeal of Lent is a leadup to this 52-hour-long moment – it’s six weeks of bringing ourselves to the point of honesty and humility about where we need Christ’s resurrection to impact our lives. If we did it well, we hopefully arrived at Easter with very little left to give, so ready for Lent to be over, so ready to experience the absolute power of Christ’s resurrection over death.



Now we start a new liturgical season. The hard work of Lent took us 44ish days, and the tense watchfulness of the Triduum took three. Now we’ve got fifty days of Easter before Pentecost comes along to live in Christ’s resurrection. Over the next several weeks we’re going to hear stories about Jesus’ disciples encountering him in the strange newness of his resurrection, coming to terms with the fact that things aren’t the same as they were before, learning to understand what life looks like with Christ’s light shining into the darkness. Hold onto the tension of this newness as we go ahead. You’ve let the Holy Spirit lead you through Christ’s suffering and death, now let him lead you into the resurrection!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

### **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls and Lenten Mite Boxes**

Please return bowls and boxes this coming week by dropping them in the collection basket.

### **Catechism Study Group**

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (there are a few exceptions) after the 8:00 AM mass for eight sessions. The **next meeting will be April 13**, with the following dates being April 27, May 11 & 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel.



**Catechism**

### **PCCW News**

If you're a creative person and would like to help create new centerpieces and runners for the tables in the basement please let Clarice Kammel know.

### **Rosary for the Month of May**

During the month of May the rosary will be recited before the weekend masses. Please try to come at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate.

### **DCCW Second Collection—Apr 15/16**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. This collection, called Council Sunday, supports many programs in our diocese such as scholarships for kids, seminarians, and deacons-to-be, as well as Casa Hogar, Project Milk, Youth Ministry, Special Needs Ministry, and so much more. Please be generous.

### **Spring Luncheon—Apr 29**

Our annual Spring Luncheon will be held April 29th in the church basement. Serving is from 11:00AM-1:00PM. The meal consists of a variety of salads, meat & cheese trays, crescent rolls and bars. Please invite your friends to join you for this delicious meal. The cost is only \$7. Members of St. Catherine & St. Cecelia Guilds will be serving this year and are asked to provide one large salad each. The guild chairpersons will be contacting members to help work at this event. We will need help with set-up the night before at 6:00PM. and during the luncheon.

**The next PCCW meeting** will be held on Monday, May 8th at 5:30PM.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

### Divine Mercy Sunday - Apr 16



The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter, April 16th. This is a fitting time to focus on God's forgiving love, the mercy poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, including the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count.

Mercy means God's Heart desiring to alleviate our misery. Personal sin causes misery. The "Good News" is that Jesus is the Divine Physician who came to heal the sickness of sin. As we receive the forgiveness He offers in the Sacrament of Confession, we are compelled by this love to trust in Him and avoid sin in the future. The word "trust" is significant as it is a key aspect of the Divine Mercy message from Jesus. Trust is not blind, wishful thinking but hope based upon the Person who gave His life for us. Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go after the one lost sheep. He is grieved – heart-sick – until He finds this one sheep, and then lifts it upon His shoulders and carries it home. This describes Jesus' deep and personal love for *each* one of us.

Trust starts small and grows through experience. We practice and live trust on a daily basis "by praising and thanking God in all things." (Consoling the Heart of Jesus, Fr. Michael Gaitley, p. 95) This is the most practical place to start in our desire to trust Jesus in everyday circumstances. Watch for the effect it will have!

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and 9-day Novena, which begins on April 7 - Good Friday, can be found here: [www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet) or use your smartphone's camera to scan this QR code. To participate in Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at a parish, visit [diolc.org/events](http://diolc.org/events) for April 16th.



## Activity Corner

### Easter Word Search

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SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
TOMB



### Meatball and Lefse Dinner - Apr 15

Lower CV Lutheran Church is hosting their 13th Annual Dinner on Saturday, April 15 from 4-7 PM. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-11, free to 5 and under. Menu: Meatballs and gravy, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, various desserts, coffee and milk. Carry outs available, bake sale on site. Located at S1801 N Stoddard Rs, Stoddard, between Stoddard and Chaseburg off Hwy 162).

### Chicken Que & Bake Sale - Sun., Apr. 16 11 AM - gone.

Tippy Toe Inn, Chaseburg. \$12, eat in or drive thru, includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw & bread. Proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

### MMOC Rummage Sale - Apr 21

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

### St. Charles School Spring Carnival - Apr 23

Fun for the whole family! Please join the St. Charles School for games, raffle, a dessert walk, food and beverages. on April 23rd 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Call (608)689-2642 for more information

### Founders Day-Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation-Apr 23

The annual Founder's Day Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation invites all to attend. For info or to RSVP visit; [aquinascatholicsschools.org/founders-day](http://aquinascatholicsschools.org/founders-day)

### Directory photos planned for September 2023

If you are interested in helping with this project message the parish office or contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198.



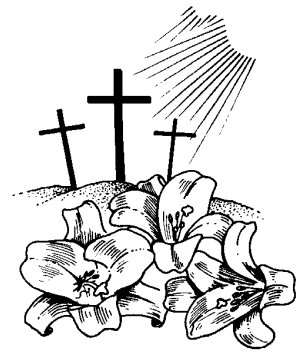
### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 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)

# *Easter Flowers*

## *Donated in memory/honor of:*



***Tyler Turben***

By Sharon Anderson

***The Easter Season***

By Keith and Jody Boraas

***Jim and Betty Callan***

***Bob and Leona Welsh***

By Michael and Karen Callan

***George and Bette Fleming and Families***

***Ted and Hilda Ollendick and Families***

By Jim and Barb Fleming

***Larry and Myrtle Geier***

***Mary Brueggen***

***Chuck and Theresa Brueggen***

By Curt and Jean Geier

***Eva Adam***

***Maria Rabotski***

By Don and Mary Gajewski

***Arlene and Norbert Seichter***

***Stella and Joseph Grabowski***

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***Bernard and Cecilia Humfeld***

***Larry Humfeld***

By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

***Ralph Pedretti***

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***Jayne Peterson***

By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

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By Francis and Carol LeJeune

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By Joe Roesler

***Donald and Rita Weber***

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By John and Carol Roesler

***Roskos and Roningen Families***

By Rosey Roningen

***Ed and Betty Gorman***

By Steve and Linda Schulte

***Leyton and Helen Stafslie***

***Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski***

By Amy Stafslie and Family

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***Don Kammel***

By Caroline Tiedeman

***Kylie Von Ruden***

By Bruce, Shirley, Chase and  
Kenzie Von Ruden

***Joan Urbanek and Daniel Urbanek***

By Clarence Urbanek

***Hazel Williams***

***Gavin Williams***

***Ken Williams***

By Rich and Sue Williams



Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish, if you donated and do not see your listing here, please contact the parish office.

# Spring Luncheon

**Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Date: Saturday, April 29th, 2023**



Only \$7 per person

Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch.

Door Prizes

**Questions? Call 452-3841**

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