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- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Area Parishes—Mass Times**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua**

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish!Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND frmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of a sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>**Mass Intentions:** Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.**Book of Prayer Requests:** Please call or email Fr. Matt to have an intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.

St. Mary's Parish

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Phone: 608-452-3841**Website:** stmarycv.org**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

"Christ of St. John of the Cross" by Salvador Dali

Fr. Matthew Marshall

*Pastor***January 24, 2021***Readings: 585B*

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

- 1) Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- 2) 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- 3) Mark 1:14-20

FOCUS: Prepare each day for the end of our earthly lives.

There is an ancient practice of reflection on mortality that goes as far back as Socrates: *Memento Mori*, or, *Remember, thou art mortal*. Today's Scriptures are perfect for the Christian spiritual practice of thinking about our life, and eventual death – a reminder that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. Awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

At God's command, Jonah goes to Nineveh, prophesying destruction. The citizens of Nineveh repent and are spared. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act in a way that reflects the passing away of this world. In the Gospel, Jesus arrives in Galilee, proclaiming the *time of fulfillment* has arrived, and that all are to *repent, and believe in the Gospel*. The Apostles Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave their lives as fishermen to follow him.



Intentions

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| Jan 23 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfeld |
| Jan 24 ~ 8:00 AM - Living and deceased members of the Shay and Pedretti Families |
| Jan 26 ~ 6:00 PM - NO MASS |
| Jan 28 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS |
| Jan 30 ~ 4:00 PM - †Rosie LeJeune |
| Jan 31 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ken and Irene Roesler |

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.



Next Week in Service — Jan 31st

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

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| Money Counters: | Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman |
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Upcoming Events/Calendar

- January 25-29 ~ NO Weekday Mass, Fr. Matt will be on PTO
- February 16 ~ Finance Council Meeting 6:45 PM
- February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday Service—12 PM (noon)

Our Sunday Mass Streaming Live on Facebook:

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

Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)



Annual Appeal 2020-21

| As of 01/14/2021 | Total Pledged | Total Payments |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledged/Paid | \$11,715.00 | \$10,879.28 |
| Target Amount | <u>\$12,925.00</u> | <u>\$12,925.00</u> |
| Over Target | (\$1,210.00) | (\$2,045.72) |
| Percent Pledged: 90.64%, Percent Received: 84.17% | | |
| Number Contributing: | 34 | |

WE ARE GETTING CLOSE! 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: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.

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 03 | 1/17/2021 |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Adult Env.(22) | \$1125.00 | Needed Weekly | \$1,900.00 |
| Offertory | \$42.00 | Received This Week | \$1,167.00 |
| Total | \$1167.00 | YTD Needed | \$5,700.00 |
| | | YTD Received | \$3,839.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$40.00 | Difference | (1,861.00) |

From Fr. Matt:

- I will be taking time off to help care for my mom from **Monday January 25th to Friday January 29th. There will be no daily Masses this week.** Weekend Masses will be as usual.

Parish Announcements

2020 Contribution Statements

All registered members may pick up their 2020 Contribution statement today through January 25th from the back of church. Any remaining statements will be mailed on January 26th. If you are still uncomfortable attending Mass, feel free to stop by the church during open prayer time to pick it up. Thank you for your continued support.

Donations:

We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Staying Connected

- ⇒ The parish bulletin is available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- ⇒ We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database) or upon request
- ⇒ Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- ⇒ **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

Diocesan/Local Announcements

January 29, Starting 10:00 am – Virtual March for Life from Washington, D.C.

"Together Strong: Life Unites!"

The March for Life in Washington, D.C. has shifted to a virtual event out of safety concerns. It will still feature inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders, information on how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long, and a performance by Christian singer and songwriter Matthew West. To register for the January 29 live stream, visit marchforlife.org/2021-virtualevents.

COVID Vaccination Pre-Registration

Vernon County Health Department staff are currently working on identifying those that would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. They will be working with health care workers and long term care staff/residents during the phase 1A administration. Once the state gives us approval to move to phase 1C, which may include those who are 65 years and older or have chronic health conditions, we will start contacting those interested in receiving vaccine. Those 65 years of age and older, or those with chronic health conditions are welcome to apply already. Please call Vernon County Health Department at 608-637-5251 or visit: <https://form.jotform.com/210124014290134>.

First Saturday Devotions

Please join us in observing First Saturday Devotions, as Our Lady requested at Fatima. These devotions will take place on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Devotions will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Shrine Church with a meditation given by one of the Friars of the Immaculate on one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This will be followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass. We hope that you can take part in these special devotions, as requested by Our Lady at Fatima, to obtain peace for the world.

The Housing Authority of the City of La Crosse (LHA) is pleased to announce the following:

- Recent award of forty new vouchers for the Mainstream Voucher program.
- Adoption of new program preferences (new S8 preferences attached).
- Opening of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher / Mainstream Voucher program waiting lists.
- Closing and reopening of Public Housing and Forest Park/Ping Manor waiting lists.

Questions, please call our office at (608) 782-2264 or check us out online at www.lacrossehousing.org. Informational flyers are posted in the back of church.

MCA Christmas Artwork Contest

The Missionary Childhood Association is seeking submissions for its annual Christmas artwork contest! All children in kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to participate. All they have to do is use their creativity to draw or paint a beautiful Christmas scene. Possible subjects include the Nativity, wise men and Angel Gabriel. Then, this December, MCA will select 22 winners from across the United States. Two grand-prize winners will also be chosen, having their artwork featured on the national Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies. All winners will receive a commemorative plaque and be invited to a special celebration in December 2021. **Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or via our online webform at: <http://MCAArtContest.missio.org> no later than January 31, 2021.**

Marriage Preparation Retreats - The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month

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Diocesan/Local Announcements (cont.)

prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

PROLIFE SIGNATURE AD

Wisconsin Right to Life Committee released the following: because many churches are not able to hold services right now, it will be too difficult to collect the number of signatures and donations to make the signature ad feasible this year. That ad's cost is \$4000. Keep these intentions in your prayers.

Week of Jan. 24th Readings

Monday 25 January

Conversion of St Paul

Acts 22:3-16

The conversion of St Paul had huge consequences for early Christianity. He was a man of terrific energy and physical courage, inspired by a deep desire to do God's will. His encounter with Jesus placed his great gifts of intellect and spirit at the service of the Christian movement, to its lasting enrichment up to today. He himself tells of his conversion in his own words in Galatians 1.

Mark 16:15-18

Our reading today is chosen for the very first words which capture something of the ministry of Paul, who went out to the whole known world of his time, that is, the Roman Empire, especially around the eastern Mediterranean.

Tuesday 26 January

Ss. Timothy and Titus

2 Timothy 1:1-8

The tone of encouragement is always needed and today, more than ever, we need the reminder to fan into a flame the gift of God.

Mark 3:20-21

This brief gospel is quite explosive. It means that the close relatives of Jesus did not really understand who he was—on the contrary, they thought him mentally deranged.

Wednesday 27 January

St Angela Merici

Hebrews 10:11-18

One of the ways in which Jesus' offering surpasses Temple sacrifice is that his offering does not need to be repeated: it was once for all. His offering does not need to be repeated because it was both spiritual (not external) and complete (not partial).

Mark 4:1-20

This long reading can be tricky. The original parable is given first, a parable from the lips of Jesus. The later explanation of the parable comes from church tradition, a kind of allegorical reading. The allegory narrows the original meaning of the parable. In between, the question of the disciples is difficult. It seems to be answering a later issue: how was it that most of Jesus' fellow Jews did not recognize him as the Messiah?

Thursday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas

Hebrews 10:19-25

In today's reading we are invited to follow the example of Jesus in giving himself. The blood here is not to be understood as a payment but rather stands for the whole person of Jesus. Just as he paved the way wholeheartedly, we are called to a no less wholehearted response.

Mark 4:21-25

It may help to recall that in those days a lamp was a naked flame. Putting it under a bed would not be advisable at all! The enig-

Week of Jan. 17th Readings (cont.)

matic second saying is presented as a shocking contrast. It should read, "from the one who thinks he has (but really does not), even what he thinks he has will be taken away. It is a stern wake-up call.

Friday 26 January

Hebrews 10:32-39

When others fall away, it can be tempting to copy our contemporaries. But, says the writer, remember that all who went before us suffered too for the faith. Discipleship is no cheap grace.

Mark 4:26-34

A further few seed parables illuminate the Gospel. The parable of the farmer asleep is especially encouraging: just let things grow. Cf. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. (1Corinthians 3:6)

Saturday 27 January

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Our passage is a wonderful praise of faith. As we hear of the heroes of old, help up as examples, it is natural to find ourselves wondering about our own faith.

Mark 4:35-41

Already at the hands of Mark, the calming of the storm is to be read symbolically. The later church, under tremendous pressure during the Jewish War, questions the presence and even the concern of Jesus. The final question is one we need to ask again and again.

KIDS CORNER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24th, 2021

*What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net
to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!*



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Answer: I will make you fishers of men.