

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

Amy Stafshien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

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

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 fatherjoerichards@gmail.com 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.

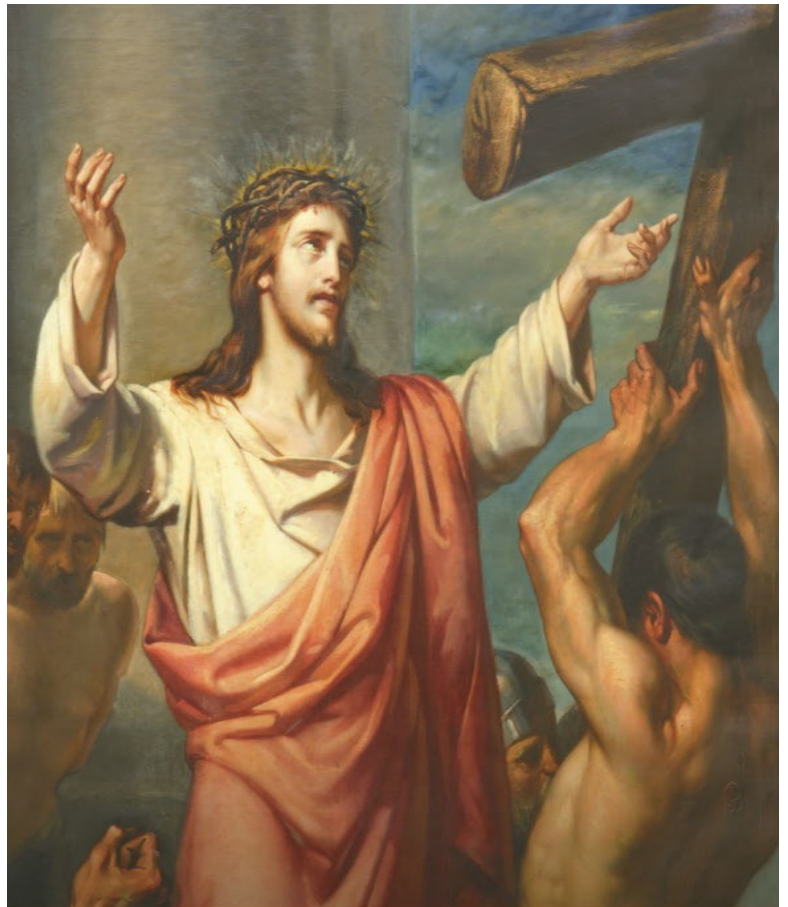
St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

September 03, 2023

Readings: 641A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings September 03, 2023

- 1) *Jeremiah 20:7-9*; 2) *Romans 12:1-2*;
3) *Matthew 16:21-27*

Intentions

Sep 02 ~ 4:00 PM - † Leona Welsh
Sep 03 ~ 8:00 AM - † Linda Jeffers
Sep 05 ~ 5:15 PM - † Bob Dickman
Sep 07 ~ 8:00 AM - † Anna Kerska
Sep 09 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edwin and Anna Sedevic
Sep 10 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.
Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 29. Nov 19. Dec 31.

Weekdays open: Nov 28. Dec 12, 19, & 28.
If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sept 03** ~ *First day of Religious Education (RE)* for both Coon Valley and Viroqua IN VIROQUA after the 10:30 AM Mass.
- **Sept 04** ~ Labor Day
- **Sept 05** ~ *Men's Club Meeting* 6:00 PM
- **Sept 06** ~ Photo shoot for Directory 2:20 to 8:35 PM
- **Sept 10** ~ **RE Safe Environment** Student and Parent Meeting after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua. Students must attend at least one training date this is the first of thee dates.
- **Sept 12** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM
- **Sept 17** ~ Religious Education monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley. **Mandatory RE Safe Environment training** here in Coon Valley (date 2 of 3)
- **Sept 18** ~ La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly at Mary, Mother of the Church, 6 PM
- **Sept 19** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
- **Sept 26** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:20 PM to 8:35 PM

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.



Next Week in Service — Sept 9/10

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

Readers:	Sat. – Nancy Peters	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman	

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of August 25, 2023
Pledges received at the Diocese(28):
\$97,720.00
Payments received at the Diocese: \$25,135.00
Under Goal (\$7,280.00)
Percent of Goal Pledge: 93.07%
Percent of Goal Received: 23.94%



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

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 (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
\$5,916.25	Received in Aug
(\$2,083.75)	Short for the Month

<u>Giving Last Week</u>		<u>Week 35</u>	<u>8/27/2023</u>
Adult Env(27)	\$1081.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	202.00	Received This Week	\$1,283.00
Total	\$1,283.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$70,000.00
		YTD Received	\$58,839.01
Mission Coop	\$235.00	Difference	(11,160.99)

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

We're starting up Religious Education this weekend, which opens the door for me to share the "why" behind our family-based model rather than a classroom model – bear with me, because I've got a few hard words to drop. Let's start with a preamble: I love you and I love being your priest. Alright, let's dive in.

We've had a few baptisms lately in Viroqua. Maybe you've heard me share my love for baptisms during Mass – yes, it's a good way of drawing the whole parish into a family's celebration, but more than that it's a good way of communicating the way the entire Christian community prays and works for each and every brother and sister. That's a reminder we need sometimes – being Christian is not a solo effort. If I ever think my relationship with Christ is for me alone, I'm in real trouble. My relationship with Christ, along with any healing, reconciling, sanctifying work I do is always about drawing me deeper into something bigger (Christ's body) and supporting the other members of His Church. Keep up the good work there.

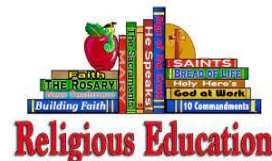
Back to baptisms. One of the elements of the baptism rite, whether at Mass or outside of Mass, tells you something about my approach to religious education. Before the baptism part of the baptism rite, Deacon or I ask a set of questions to the kid's parents and godparents: "What name do you give your child?" ("*First & Middle Names*"). "What do you ask of God's Church for *First and Middle Name*?" ("*Baptism*"). Then the celebrant asks a very charged question: "In asking for baptism for your child you are undertaking the responsibility of raising him/her in the faith. Do you understand this responsibility?" Therein, my friends, lie all the marbles. Give me a second to step up onto my soapbox now – sometimes we operate out of the misunderstanding that religious formation is the church's responsibility primarily. In the sense that it is the community of believers who raise up and support a forming Christian, this is very true. In the sense that it is primarily the job of St. Mary's or St. Stan's or St. Michael's Catholic Parish to educate a child, this is not true. From the moment of baptism and that charged "Do you understand this responsibility?" it is primarily the parents' and caregivers' job to form and educate and introduce a soul to Jesus Christ, and one of the roles of the parish is to support them in that work. My persisting hope with this family-based religious education program is that it gives you the tools you require and the encouragement you need when you're entering uncharted waters to walk alongside of and just a bit ahead of your sons and daughters toward Jesus Christ. As you take on the job of forming your families, I am going to try my derndest to do my job of supporting, strengthening, and enabling you. Thank you for taking this work on with me, and as ever let me know how I can support you as you shepherd your families. Here's to another year!

May God bless you and keep you always, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Religious Education Important Information

Letters and Registration forms have been sent to all registered parents via email. If you did not receive the information please contact Bridget Goodwin at bladams50@gmail.com. If you need a paper copy of the information please leave a message at the parish office at 608-452-3841. **Classes start this Sunday, September 3rd in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass.** Even if you have not registered all are welcome to attend and receive the necessary information on the first day of class. **If you can't make this Sunday**, please contact Bridget and join us for the monthly activity on September 17th here in Coon Valley after the 8 AM Mass



Our Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Coming in October



The breakfast will be here before you know it! The council would like to continue with the collection envelopes instead of a raffle again this year. Collection envelopes will be available for each registered family in the back of church next weekend. Lets all work together to make it another successful parish event!

Men's Club Meeting - Sep 04

The Men's Club will be meeting this Tuesdy, September 04 after the 5:15 PM Mass (around 6 PM) to discuss the upcoming Pancake Breakfast in October. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Church Directory



Photograph Sign-Up

First photo Shoot is September 6th.

It's not too late to sign up for the
September 26 or 27th photo
opportunity!

If you discover you need to change your appointment day or time please contact Clarice Kammel.

All those who do have their pictures taken will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free directory. This does not cost you anything unless you decide to purchase more pictures. Those of you who would like to still sign up on your own may do so. Just sign into the website www.ucdir.com and use church code **wi259** and password **photos**.

PCCW Information - Fall Deanery Meeting - Sep 18

Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sounds of Freedom"? It's a story about children and human trafficking. Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He will be speaking at Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. **All ladies of area parishes are invited**, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food! Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome - Sep 13

The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Chicken-Que - Sept 14

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, on Thursday, September 14, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way: Reading the Catechism in 10 months We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better? Reading a few pages of the Catechism each day will help you deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks, **beginning September 18th**. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks. *To sign up, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with the word Catechism in the subject line.* There are usually more than 100 people who participate each year and they express that the fruits are well worth the effort. Please invite your friends to join.

Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11

St. Peters 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.

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

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

Activity Corner



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples?
Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

HAVE A BLESSED
LABOR DAY!

“ COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS. ”

-PROVERBS 16:3



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