

# St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor  
Dcn. Tony Shay

## Church Address:

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2024

Readings: 585B



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mk 1:17

## PASTOR

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## 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

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

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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

## COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bridget Goodwin.....[bladams50@gmail.com](mailto:bladams50@gmail.com)

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,  
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

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.stmarycv.org/visit-us](http://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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto:jrichards@diolclergy.org) You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://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](http://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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings

January 21, 2024

- 1) *Jonah 3:1-5*; 2) *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*;  
3) *Mark 1:14-20*

### Intentions / Schedule

#### SATURDAY, January 20

*Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

-4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Nancy Peters

#### SUNDAY, January 21

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

#### TUESDAY, January 23

-5:15pm - † Maria Rabotski

#### THURSDAY, January 25

-8:00am - † Edward and Anna Kerska

#### SATURDAY, January 27

*Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

-4:00pm Mass - † Jim Callan  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Bob Kerska

#### SUNDAY, January 28

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

-8:00am Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



### CONFESSIONS

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



### Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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

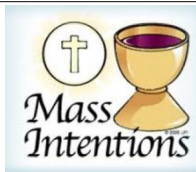
### Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 01/19/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$9,140.38	\$7,990.38
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$5,374.62)	(\$6,524.62)
Percent Pledged: 62.97%, Percent Received: 55.05%		
Number Contributing:	21	

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

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Jan 21** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Theresa Guild
- **Jan 21** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Jan 22** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Feb 04** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Feb 14** ~ *Ash Wednesday*  
7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua  
12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua  
**5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley**
- **Feb 15** ~ Coffee and fellowship after Mass
- **Feb 18** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Catherine Guild
- **Feb 18** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Feb 20** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Mar 17** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley



**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Mar 23 & 31;  
Jun 1 or 2, 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 30

**Open Weekdays:** Feb. 1, 13, 15, 29; Mar. 5, 12, 14, 21; Apr. 4, 11, 16, 30;  
May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
As of January 10, 2024  
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00  
Payments received: \$35,829.50

THANK YOU!



### Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,540.50	Received as of week 2
(\$4,459.50)	Under for the Month

### Giving Last Week

		1/14/2024	
Adult Env(25)	\$1,140.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$190.00	Received This Week	\$1,345.00
Sol. Of Mary(1)	\$10.00	Running total needed	\$4,000.00
Child Env(5)	\$5.00	YTD Received	\$3,540.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>	Difference	(459.50)

## From the Pastor

Hello friends!

Over the past few weeks we've had Pastoral and Finance Council meetings at both parishes. The material we've had for these meetings has been a bit lower-octane, which gave us the freedom to take our parish pulses and rehash some recent events and developments (I'm looking at you, Christmas Masses). I am remarkably grateful to all of you for the earnest work you put into praying the last few seasons well. We'll talk Christmas schedules again next November or so, but this year's attendance records (185 at the 4:00 in Coon Valley, 160 at the 6:30 in Viroqua, 85 at the midnight in Coon Valley, and 235 at the 10:30 on Christmas day in Viroqua) speak loudly about an effective schedule.

For now, I would like to forecast the next bit of seasonal novelty -- Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year (February 14 for all of you celibates, that is, myself). Our schedule that day will include a 7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua to catch the pre-work crowd, 12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua, and 5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley. This is an alteration to our customary Wednesday Mass schedule (5:15 PM in Viroqua), but especially since more folks will hopefully be available during the lunch hour in Viroqua than in Coon Valley (where working in town is less common) I hope this schedule will best serve both parishes in cooperation with each other. Please note that Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation (required to attend Mass), but it is an excellent way to kickstart your Lent in style.

We will continue the practice of praying the Stations of the Cross this Lent too. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays we usually have Mass at 5:15 in Coon Valley and Viroqua, respectively. Throughout Lent (starting February 20) we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays in Coon Valley and on Wednesdays in Viroqua at 5:15, followed by Mass at 5:45. While we usually have adoration and confessions available from 5:45-6:30 on Wednesdays, we'll bump that back throughout Lent from the end of Mass (6:15) to 7:00 PM.

When we finally get to the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) we'll celebrate the primary liturgies in Viroqua to accommodate space needs, with the addition of a Good Friday service in Coon Valley. This schedule is not yet defined, but if I were a betting man, I'd imagine Easter Sunday will also involve our customary 8:00 in Coon Valley and 10:30 in Viroqua.

I hope that is comprehensible. If not, feel free to ask questions and I'll endeavor to clarify.

God bless you, and happy Ordinary Time! ~Fr. Joe



## Parish Announcements



*With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized!*

**Bryson Andrew LeJeune**

*Child of Andrew LeJeune and Jeana (Fleming) LeJeune*

### 2023 Contribution Statements

Statements are now available for pickup in the back of church, filed in alphabetical order. Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish!

### Inspired by the Spirit and Annual Appeal Statements

The Year End 2023 Gifts: The Diocese has closed the 2023 gift calendar year for tax purposes. Tax statements will be mailed during the last week of January.

### Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign - Jan 20 to Feb 25

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed.



The bottles/envelopes are available to take home this weekend. Fill with your spare change, cash or a check. Please read the insert for more instructions and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday February 25, 2024. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

**Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024?** Congratulations! The Diocese of La Crosse would like to invite you to a special Mass and social/dinner as an opportunity to celebrate your marriage and bless your covenant love. Please contact the Diocese [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org) or the Parish Office at 608-452-3841.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Healthy Living with Chronic Pain Workshop

Where: Virtually When: Wednesdays, February 7 - March 13, 8:30 to 11:00 Cost: \$30, includes textbook Pre-register by calling (608) 775-6870 or visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well). After registering, you will be sent an email with a link to join the class and a book which you can keep.

### Catholic Life Story Ideas:

Do you have a Faith story to share within your parish? An individual or family whose faith journey is inspiring? These are the fabric of our Faith but, as Horace said, "Many brave men lived before Agamemnon, but all are weighed down in unending night, unwept and unknown, because they lacked a sacred bard." Let us be their bard - email [earcher@diolc.org](mailto:earcher@diolc.org) with story ideas.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated on the weekend of Feb. 3-4. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

### The ANSWER™ Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say “Yes!” to this life-changing event that will be held June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. However, you may also want to check with your parish office as there are some parishes that have already begun purchasing group tickets and reserving buses for this event. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information. The registration link is found at the following link or by using your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right. <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

### DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

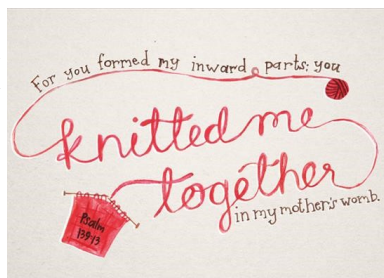
The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

### A Minute with Jesus

#### Why does Jesus want to stay with us always?

You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven.

- Let’s pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.
- This week read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.



## Activity Corner

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21st, 2024

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

Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will be know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.



### 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)