

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)
Rectory: 400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665
Cell Phone: 608-606-9787
Email: jrichards@diolclergy.org
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.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 AND fatherjoerichards@gmail.com You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: 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

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.

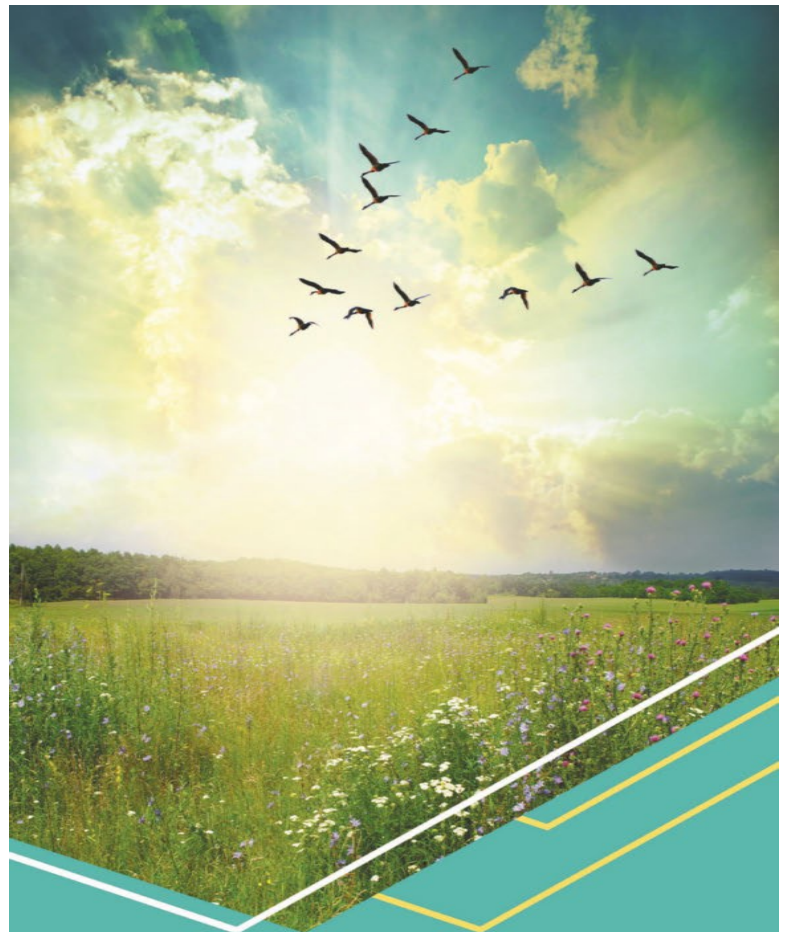
St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

August 27, 2023

Readings: 638A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



- 1) *Isaiah 22:19-23*; 2) *Romans 11:33-36*
3) *Matthew 16:33-20*

Intentions

- Aug 26 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Ronigen Families
Aug 27 ~ 8:00 AM - † Betty Callan
Aug 29 ~ 5:15 PM - † Bob Dickman
Aug 31 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family
Sep 02 ~ 4:00 PM - † Leona Welsh
Sep 03 ~ 8:00 AM - † Linda Jeffers

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 23 & 28. Dec. 7, 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.



Next Week in Service — Sept 2/3

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

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska	Sun. – Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland	



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).

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 27** ~ St. Mary's Viroqua picnic after 10:30 Mass at Eckhart Park
- **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 6** ~ Photo shoot for Directory 2:20 to 8:35 PM
- **Sept 12** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM
- **Sept 17** ~ Religious Education monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **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
- **Sept 27** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:20 PM to 8:35 PM
- **Oct 01** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Oct 08** ~ Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast**

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.

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%



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,633.25	Received first 3 weeks
(\$3,366.75)	Short for the Month



<u>Giving Last Week</u>		<u>Week 34</u>	<u>8/20/2023</u>
Adult Env(28)	\$970.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	294.00	Received This Week	\$1,299.00
Assumption	35.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$68,000.00
Total	\$1,299.00	YTD Received	\$57,556.01
Mission Coop	\$97.00	Difference	(10,443.99)
Food Pantry	\$6.00		

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

Good news! As evidenced by the fact that I'm writing these words, I'm back, and I'm alive with all my digits. It was a great trip up North and around the Eastern side of the Boundary Waters with big miles and an ambitious route. To answer a few quick FAQs: "Did we fish much?" A bit – my partner Fr. Hank got his first largemouth bass (less common than smallmouth up there), and I got a few pike – no walleye or trout. This trip was more about making miles. "How was the weather?" Really great, then really not great, then really great – Wednesday night we weathered a rowdy storm, but my frequent collaborator Fr. Brandon had given us sufficient warning via satellite messenger to batten the hatches appropriately. "Any animal sightings?" Very frequent loon sightings (more than I've ever seen), no bear, and one big bull moose swimming right past my hammock Monday night. "You camp in a hammock?" Yes, but it's a bit more technical than the old interlaced cord variety found at the beachside resort. "Do you celebrate Mass up there?" Absolutely! We usually find the most suitable, flat, waist-high boulder we can and pray the wind stays down. Sometimes it does.

Okay, there's your little update on my adventures away. Now let me share a few gratitude-oriented notes. First, thank you to everyone who picked up the slack over the last few weeks. From the Assumption Masses to everyone who helped with Fr. Michael's transportation, orientation, and nutrition, I left feeling confident in our plans, and I returned glad to see how things had kept moving! Second, thank you again to everyone who helped out with the Coon Valley picnic a few weeks ago and who is helping out with Viroqua's this weekend (after the 10:30, Eckhart Park, be there). These events generate the kind of positive energy we need, and I am very glad for your initiative and excitement! Finally, a thank you to everyone who joined John's Bible study. This study is still running, with a few Coon Valley folks and a few Viroqua folks getting together after Thursday morning's Masses to look ahead to the next weekend's readings. The fact that this crew is still gathering is awesome, but what I am most grateful for here is the collaboration being exercised and the community being shared between both my parishes. I have neither the ambition nor the desire that either St. Mary's or Annunciation should lose their identity in favor of the other, but I do have a long running hope for this exact kind of community and shared life to happen between our two unique parishes. Keep up the good work folks – we're setting ourselves up, please God, for a successful future responding to the Holy Spirit's movement.

God bless you,
Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

**First photo Shoot is
September 6th.
It's not too late to sign up for
the September 26 or 27th photo
opportunity!**

Thank you to all parishioners who have scheduled their appointments to have their picture taken for our new church directory. If you discover you need to change your appointment day or time please contact Clarice Kammel.

Committee members have been trying to contact all those who haven't scheduled yet so please return their calls if they've left you a message. It would be great if all members of our parish were included in the directory as we probably won't do another again for many years. **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](http://www.ucdir.com) and use church code **wi259** and password **photos**.



In Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Patricia Holte and family in the death of Pat's son, David on August 17th. We pray God's grace and peace will provide comfort.

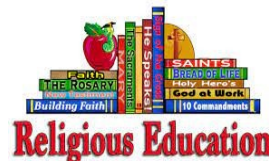
*May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus
Christ bless and console you and gently wipe every tear
from your eyes. Amen*

Mission Coop with Diocese of Moroto, Uganda

We will continue to accept contributions for the Mission Coop for the next couple of weeks. Please make checks out to St. Mary's and we will forward. Thank you for your generosity.

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 email 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 on next 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.



Parish Announcements continued

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

Walking with Women ~ Praying with Scripture - Sep 7

All women are cordially invited to attend. Our community strives "to love our neighbor as our self", while fostering a deeper relationship with God through meditation on His living word. Meditating on God's Living Word is life-changing and transformative - bringing Jesus deeper into our hearts. **The first meeting will be Thursday, September 7th (6 pm - 7:30 pm)** in the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Undercroft. Materials will be provided at the first meeting (\$15.00). Meetings take place every other Thursday (altered around holidays) from September through May. Consistent attendance is not required, as each gathering does not build on the other. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ! You may also invite women of other Christian faiths to attend.

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

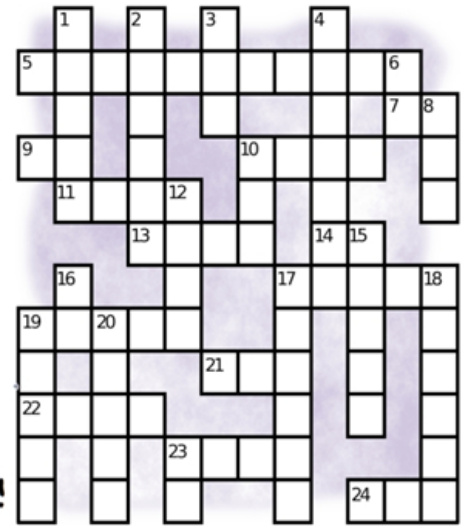
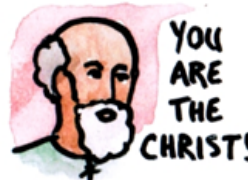
Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, on Thursday, September 14, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, 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.

Activity Corner

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ACROSS
5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 7. "..._____ this rock I will build my Church..."
 9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 19. _____ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
 21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- DOWN
1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____"
 6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
 10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____"
 19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____"
 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.

Answers: ACROSS: 5. Netherworld 7. on 9. be 10. give 11. rock 13. head 14. in 17. flesh 19. Jesus 21. set (or put) 22. name 23. have 24. son DOWN: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are 4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father 18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he



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