



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

December 28, 2025 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Reading 493 or 495A

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Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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Parish Finance Council

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti
and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

Fr. Joe also serving:

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times:

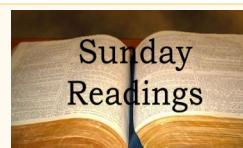
Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm

Fri - 8:00am

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI The Holy Family-Jesus, Mary and Joseph



December 28, 2025
 1) Sirach 3:2-6
 2) Colossians 3:12-21
 3) Matthew 2:13-15

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 4:00pm Mass - † Tyler Turben
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 8:00am Mass - † Ted Ollendick and Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, December 30

Weekday

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - Roskos and Roningen Family Members
 (living and deceased)

THURSDAY, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00am Mass - Fr. Ethan Hokamp

SATURDAY, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 4:00pm Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector:

SUNDAY, January 4

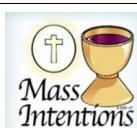
The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00am Mass - † Leyton and Helen Stafslien
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Dec 31** ~ Vigil Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. *Holy Day in Viroqua* at 5: 15 PM
- **Jan 1** ~ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. *Holy Day of Obligation* here 8:00 AM ~ in Viroqua 12: 10 PM
- **Jan 4** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Jan 12** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Jan 13** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **Jan 18** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass
- **Jan 25** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Feb 1** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Feb 8** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua

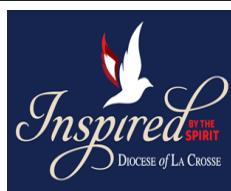


Mass intentions for 2026 are now being accepted. Reserve your special date early to ensure availability. Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan 11, 17 or 18, & 31. Feb 1, 8, and 28. Mar 7 or 8, 14, 21, 28 & 29.

Open Weekdays: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 & 29. Feb 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26. Mar 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 & 31.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of December 26, 2025

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$69,861.50

THANK YOU!

Giving Last Week			12/21 & 25
Adult Env (36)	\$1,500.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	316.00	Received This Week	\$4,844.25
Imm Conc. Env	5.00	Total needed	\$102,000.00
Votives	70.00	YTD Received	\$100,754.57
Xmas Env (40)	2580.00	Difference	(1,245.43)
Xmas Offertory	373.25	Food Pantry	\$50.00
Total	\$4,844.25	Ret Fund Rel	\$140.00
		Xmas Flowers	\$50.00

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 12/19/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,525.00	\$8,066.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
Under Target	(\$4,040.00)	(\$6,498.31)
Percent Pledged: 72.26%	Percent Received: 55.38%	
Number Contributing: 21		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/	and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley	

From the Pastor

Hello friends, and Merry Christmas!

I have a smattering of stuff for you today – first, a quick warning, then some encouragement and finally a word from John. The warning: some of you have experienced a common scammer tactic— impersonating me (and other public figures), asking for money, gift cards, etc. Don’t be ashamed if you’ve gone down one of these rabbit holes – these guys are clever and skilled, fishing through Facebook likes, bulletins, website info etc. to make a link between me and my people. I can’t stop them from being clever or manipulative, but what I can do is promise that if I ever need something from you, I’ll ask personally and route it through the parish offices. Okay, moving on.

Second, thank you for walking through these last several weeks of Advent together – for joining in some extra time of quiet adoration, praying together the Unity Prayer, joining each other in waiting and watching and preparing a home for Jesus in your hearts. Now we are in another seasonal transition – moving from “waiting” into “receiving.” While the radio’s Christmas music starts in November and fades away on December 26, our Christmas timeline starts on December 24, passes through the Epiphany, and continues until the Baptism of the Lord on January 11. Here’s a gentle encouragement to let the next several weeks be different, just like you made the last month different. Take some extra time to rest in the Lord, to keep up a “Merry Christmas,” and to welcome the Lord into your Advent-prepared heart!

And now for a word from John Francis. Last weekend I mentioned that he had celebrated a milestone in his seminary formation – I asked him to share a quick life update with us for the bulletin. Here it is: *“Dear Parishioners, merry Christmas to you all! I have just finished up my first semester of theology studies at St. Francis de Sales Seminary. As Father mentioned, I was also just accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders for the Diocese of La Crosse- a big step towards ordination to the priesthood! In total, I have 3 ½ years left until I would be ordained, please God. This semester was challenging, but fruitful. I am taking more classes which are also more difficult. In addition, I have been assigned a “teaching parish” which I attend on many weekends and shadow the pastor. Because of distance, the parish is in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, not the Diocese of La Crosse. I have been enjoying the ability to practice some ministry, and the parish reminds me a lot of St. Mary’s! This summer, I am going to the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Peru for two months with a fellow seminarian brother. There we will be learning Spanish and being a role model to the kids. I am a little nervous but very excited! In my free time, biking has slowed down but cross-country skiing has picked up thanks to the December snowfall!”*

Keep praying for John and for his brothers in seminary formation. It’s tough work, leaning into seminary in the way he is earnestly doing. Whether he becomes a priest or not (we’ll know in 3 ½ years), I am grateful for his “yes” and for the Holy Spirit’s work in his life.

God bless you all, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 31: 5:15 PM - Viroqua
Thursday, Jan. 1: 8:00 AM - Coon Valley
12:10 PM - Viroqua

End-of-Year Contributions

Please ensure that all end-of-year contributions are received by the parish no later than December 31 to be included on your 2025 contribution statement.

CRAFT SHOW Follow Up—THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to all the ladies who worked at the craft show and/or donated food for the craft show. We had so much good help this year which is truly appreciated. It takes many hands to make this community event a success so thanks to all!

Winners of the quilt and door prizes were as follows: Quilt - Tiffany Strasser; Afghan/Blanket - Connie Evenstad; Napkin Holder - Carol Kast; Nativity Set - Pauline Aspenson; Old World Santa - Kelly Helgeson; Old World Santa - Carol LeJeune; and Set of 2 Old World Santas - Andy Pedretti. Congratulations to the winners!

2026 Contribution Envelopes

If you haven’t already done so, please pick up your envelopes from the back of the church, this will save time and money to distribute them to your homes. If you cannot find your envelopes or you do not currently have envelopes assigned to you please contact the parish office by leaving a message at 608-452-3841 or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net

2026 Calendars

There are still a few calendars left at the back of the church. Feel free to take one home with you today.

Christmas Flower Donations

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish. If you have donated toward the flowers and your name is not listed in the back of the church or if there is an error in the listing, please contact the parish office. Updates will be posted in the back of the church.



Dear St. Mary Parish,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to Bethel Butikk food pantry. We are truly appreciative of your support in our mission to help others in our community.

Have a blessed holiday season,

Bethel Butikk Volunteers and Staff



Diocesan/Community Announcements

United Country-Oakwood Realty would like to thank everyone who contributed a Christmas gift to the Something For Seniors Christmas gift campaign. Approximately 300 of our senior residents living in local health care facilities received gifts this year. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little more special this year for all those who received gifts.

Valentyna Pavsyukova invites you to the January 10th Ukrainian Christmas Dinner

Join Valentyna Pavsyukova, who founded Chalice of Mercy in Chippewa Falls in 2007, for a special evening on Jan. 10, 2026 from 5:30-9 PM at the Lilydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. Valentyna will share the extraordinary mission of her organization, which has delivered more than \$180 million in emergency and medical supplies to Ukraine during a time of profound suffering. All proceeds from the evening will support Chalice of Mercy's ongoing relief efforts in Ukraine. [Visit the website](https://chaliceofmercy.org/dinner-events/) for more information and to register: <https://chaliceofmercy.org/dinner-events/>. Informational flyer is located at the back of the church.

Sign up for the 2026 La Crosse SEEK Conference

SEEK is a national conference for an encounter with God, personal transformation, and growth in community! This year we are bringing it locally to La Crosse at the UW-La Crosse Student Union! There will be 23 different talks from Catholic speakers like Bart Schuchts, founder of the Church on Fire Ministry and associated with the John Paul II Healing Center, Bishop Battersby, and others including some from our own diocese. There is a specific track of talks for parishioners like you! SEEK is for everyone to attend: college students, families, and adults (under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult). At SEEK we will come together as a church to worship in Mass and adoration. SEEK is a 4-day conference adapted to fit most work and school schedules! It is January 29 - February 1: Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday all day, and Sunday morning. The price is \$50 for the entire event. There will be an optional free child care on Saturday, January 31. Please register on the Roncalli Newman or Blessed Sacrament websites or by using the QR Code.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse | Feb. 13-15, 2026 | Sparrow's Nest, Sparta

Looking for a way to rekindle the love and romance in your marriage? This powerful experience of discovery helps you renew your commitment, deepen your intimacy and reignite the passion that brought you together. Space is limited apply for the weekend by visiting: <https://wwme.org/> to save your spot!

What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall?

Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. Weekly updates are available by clicking on QR Code on the right or on this link <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>

Two New "Connecting the Diocese" Episodes:

[Click here to listen](#) to the two most recent "Connecting the Diocese" episodes featuring Father Tom Lindner discussing the Jubilee Year of Hope and Father Sam Martin sharing Advent reflections. We publish "Connecting the Diocese" as a weekly podcast you can access by visiting the link: <https://connecting.diolc.org/> or scan the QR code.

Activity Corner

Fill in the Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the circled letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The angel of the Lord appeared to

_____ in a dream and said,

"Rise, take the child and his _____, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell _____.

_____ is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the _____ and his mother by _____ and departed for Egypt.

He _____ there until the death of Herod, that what the _____ had said through the prophet might be _____,

Out of _____ I called my son.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Matt. 2:13-15

FULFILLED

MOTHER

STAYED

JOSEPH

HEROD **YOU**

CHILD **LORD**

NIGHT **EGYPT**



Happy New Year
2026

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org 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.

Flower Donations in Memory/Honor Of:

Tyler Turban

Gary Anderson

By Sharon and Sara Anderson

Cole J. Berra

By Dennis and Kay Berra

Jim and Betty Callan

Bob and Leona Welsh

By Mike and Karen Callan

Arlan and Virginia Dwyer

Rhonda Buckmaster

Randy Jones and Bob Janiero

By Keith Dwyer

Fleming and Ollendick Families

Jan Brandau

By Jim and Barb Fleming

John and Maria Rabotski

Art and Evelyn Gajewski

By Don and Mary Gajewski

Larry and Myrtle Geier

Chuck and Theresa Brueggen

Mary Brueggen

By Curt and Jean Geier

Joseph and Stella Grabowski

Norbert and Arlene Seichter

By Steve and Michelle Grabowski

Adam Hemmersbach

Arnold and Del Marie Hemmersbach

Ione Hauser and PJ Hauser

Doug Rude

By Stan and Lori Hemmersbach

Joan Urbanek

Daniel Urbanek

Karen Williams

Reinald (Reiny) and Darlene Kammel

By Mike and Clarice Kammel

Edward and Anna Kerska

By Robert E. Kerska

Allen and Mercedes Christen

William and Rose Marie LeJeune

By Francis and Carol LeJeune

Bernard and Cecelia Humfeld

Larry Humfeld

Corrine Mislivecek

By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

Albert, Stella, Gary and Scott Hohlfeld

By Roger and Nancy Peters

Ralph Pedretti

By Andrew Pedretti

Jayne Peterson-Frydenlund

Connie Peterson

By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

William and Rose Marie LeJeune

Frank and Dennis LeJeune

Sharon Tarpening

By Sandra Ritter, Joan, Jean, & Peggy LeJeune

Donald and Rita Weber

Alfred and Mildred Roesler

By John and Carol Roesler

Cheryl Roesler

By Joe Roesler

Deceased members of the Roskos and

Roningen Families

By Rosey Roningen

Cameron Sokolik

Veryl and Virginia Coffin

Arnold and Phyllis Schute

By Doug and Pam Schute

Ed and Betty Gorman

By Steve and Linda Schulte

Helen and Leyton Stafslien

Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski

By Amy Stafslien Family

Dan Tiedeman

Don and Pat Kammel

By Caroline Tiedeman

Kylie Von Ruden

By Bruce, Shirley, Chase & Kenzie Von Ruden

Gavin Williams

Ken and Hazel Williams

By Rick and Sue Williams

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List as of 12/26/25.