



# 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

## CONNECT WITH US

### PASTOR

**Rectory:** 400 Congress Ave.  
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### Office Hours in the Sacristy

Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass

Thursdays after Mass until noon or by appointment

### DEACON

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### Parish Phone

608-452-3841

### Mailing Address

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### Email

stmaryscv@mwt.net

### Website

www.stmaryscv.org

### 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

Amy Stafslie 608-452-3841  
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### Coordinator of Religious Education

Bridget Goodwin  
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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:

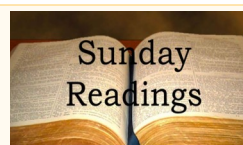
**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

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 Stafslie

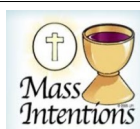
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

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.

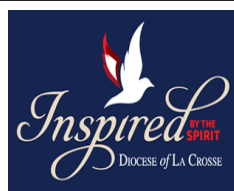
**Open Weekdays:** Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 & 29. Feb 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26. Mar 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 & 31.

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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or voice message 608-452-3841.



## 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.



## 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!

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
<b>Under Target</b>	(\$4,040.00)	(\$6,498.31)
Percent Pledged: 72.26% , Percent Received: 55.38%		
Number Contributing: 21		
To donate online, visit: <a href="https://diolc.org/stewardship/">https://diolc.org/stewardship/</a> and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,844.25</b>	Ret Fund Rel	\$140.00
		Xmas Flowers	\$50.00



## 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](mailto: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 in 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 Buttik 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 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

\_\_\_\_\_C<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in a dream and said,

"Rise, take the child and his C<sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ,

flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell C<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_C<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and his mother by \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and departed for Egypt.

He \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ there until the death of Herod,

that what the C<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ had said through the prophet might be \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ,

Out of \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://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](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.



# 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 Stafslie***

***Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski***

By Amy Stafslie 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.