



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



November 9, 2025 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | Reading 769C

CONNECT WITH US

PASTOR

Rectory: 400 Congress Ave.
Viroqua, WI 54665

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Email: jrichards@diolclergy.org

Office Hours in the Sacristy

Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass

Thursdays after Mass until noon or by appointment

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Parish Phone

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Mailing Address

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Website

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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

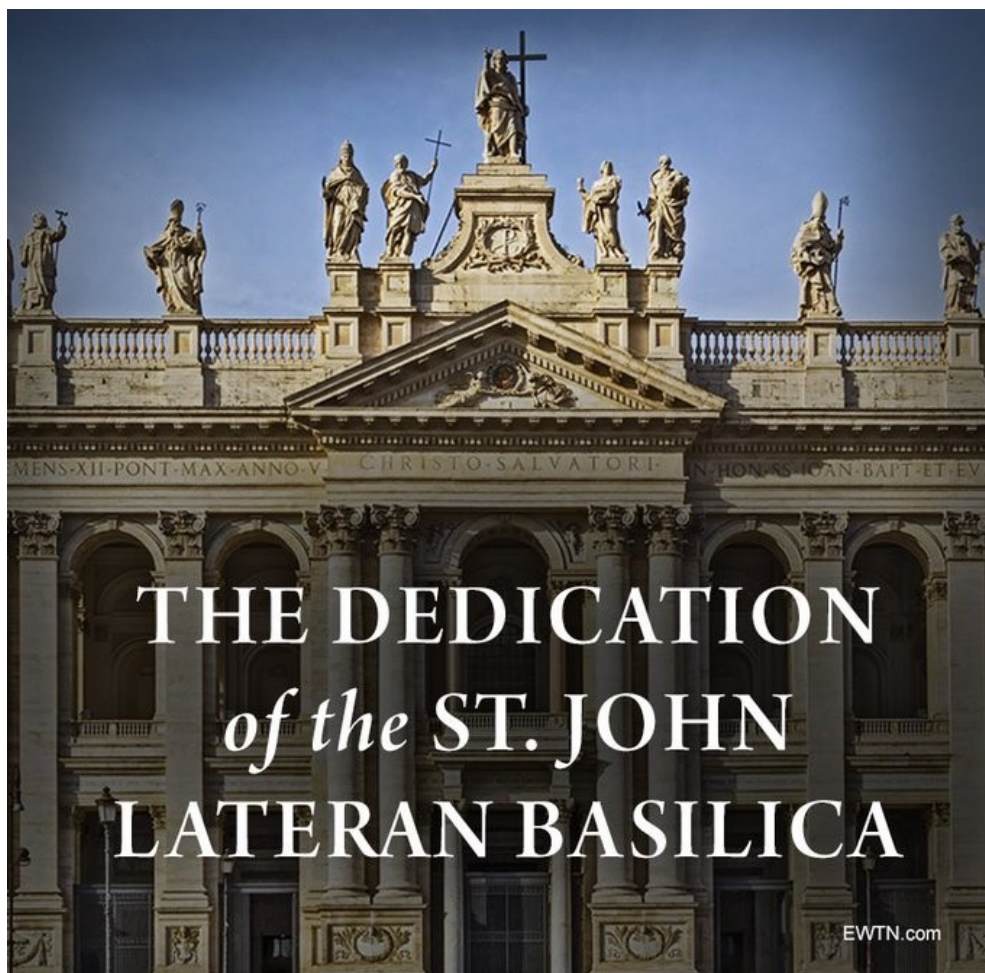
Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



Administrative Assistant

Amy Stafslie 608-452-3841
stmaryscv@mwt.net

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:

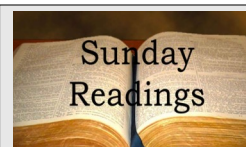
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



November 9, 2025
 1) Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
 2) 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
 3) John 2:13-22

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, November 8

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

SUNDAY, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

~ 8:00am Mass - † Joseph & Lucille Kararo and
 William and Ruth Marselus
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, November 11

St. Martin of Tours—Veterans Day

~ 4:30pm Adoration
 ~ 5:15pm Mass - All the Roskos and Roningen Families
 (living and deceased)

THURSDAY, November 13

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

~ 8:00am Mass - † Jim and Betty Callan

SATURDAY, November 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Larry and Myrtle Geier
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, November 16

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of October 22, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
 Payments received: \$65,666.50
THANK YOU!

Upcoming Events/Calendar

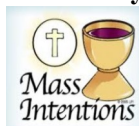
- **Nov 9** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Nov 12** ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- **Nov 14** ~ Movie Night starting at 6 PM
- **Nov 16** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ Parish Social hosted by St. Rose Guild
- **Nov 19** ~ First Reconciliation with Fr. Joe
- **Nov 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Nov 21** ~ Memorial Mass for all lost infants in Viroqua at 5:15PM
- **Nov 23** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Nov 27** ~ Thanksgiving Day ~ Viroqua Community Dinner from 11 AM to 1 PM at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- **Nov 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent, begin Cycle Year A
- **Dec 6** ~ **Annual Craft Show** at the Coon Valley Village Hall from 8:00 AM to 2 PM
- **Dec 7** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua



2026 St. Mary Calendars Now Available

Pick your up today—it contains all the important liturgical dates.

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: Nov 30. Dec is full. Jan all dates open except Jan 24. Feb all dates open except Feb 14 & 15.

Open Weekdays: Nov 25. Dec. 2. Jan all dates open. Feb all dates open.

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 stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$1,297.00 Received as of week 1

(\$8,703.00) Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 10/31/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$3,590.00	\$1,923.32
Target Amount	<u>\$14,565.00</u>	<u>\$14,565.00</u>
Under Target	(\$10,975.00)	(\$12,641.68)
Percent Pledged: 24.65%, Percent Received: 13.21%		
Number Contributing: 5		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week

			11/2/2025
Adult Env (25)	\$845.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	227.00	Received This Week	\$1,297.00
Pancke Bkft(1)	20.00	Running total needed	\$88,000.00
All Saints (7)	<u>205.00</u>	YTD Received	\$84,837.57
Total	\$1,297.00	Difference	(3,162.43)
Mission Sun (1)	\$20.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Let's talk seasons for a minute. With Daylight Savings Time (beginning?) last weekend and the days naturally getting shorter, the morning sun now shines into the rectory chapel at just the right angle to light up my morning holy hour through several color-changing maples. It's time to admit it – summer is over (if the forecast is correct, there may even already be some light snow on the ground by the time you read this).

You may or may not know that I halfway grew up in Northern California – out there seasons consist exclusively of seventy-four degree summers and fifty degree “rainy season” winters. My memory brings back my first experience with proper seasons with dubious accuracy, when I first started coming out to Wisconsin to visit a grandparent in Elroy in 97 or 98. Winter meant bundling up to go outside, slipping around on the driveway and road (it's Elroy, the backroads aren't heavily traveled), and squeezing that daylight like a lemon. Spring meant wet and still chilly, and despite summer being beautiful and plenty long it seemed just a bit less adventurous than the cold months. I may be alone in this, but to this day I still enjoy the shifting of seasons, especially the expectant change of fall and spring.

I bring all this up because liturgically we are in a similar shifting pattern. With just a few more weeks of Ordinary Time, we are not far from a brand new liturgical year, starting with Advent on November 30. Pardon a repetitive note on how the liturgical year works – Advent starts a new Church year with its preparation for Christ's birth, then after some Christmas time we're back into Ordinary Time. After a few months we're into Lent to prepare for Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, followed by the main event itself – the three-day Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter itself). Then comes a whopping 50 days of celebrating the resurrection before it's back to Ordinary Time again to let the seeds of grace planted in these extraordinary seasons grow slowly and steadily.

As for Advent, it's designed to be an intentional season of simplification, expectation, and watchful waiting – there is a certain pregnant pause built into Advent (see what I did there?). You and I both know that December typically ends up being anything but quiet, simple, watchful – it tends to fill up with school events, shopping and extra chores, and end-of-year busyness. An attitude of simplification and expectation ironically takes serious effort – I'm still workshopping how to approach Advent myself this year, but for now let me extend an invitation to you to join me in asking the question, “Lord, what do You want for me in this season?” It's a simple question, and perhaps that is exactly why it needs to be asked.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Friday,
Nov. 14th



Join us for a cozy family-friendly Movie Night at St. Mary's in Coon Valley! This Friday, November 14th we will be showing the movie: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Come at 6pm for some pizza and we will begin the movie at 6:30pm. Bring your blankets, friends and festive spirit! Please email Bridget Goodwin at bladams50@gmail.com to RSVP the number of people joining so we can plan for pizza.

Volunteer(s) Needed for Snow Removal



We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help with snow removal at St. Mary Parish this winter. Our long-time volunteer will be recovering from surgery and is unable to assist this season. If you are able to help keep our walkways and entrances clear and safe during snowfalls, please talk to Fr. Joe or contact the parish office. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

Advertising

Extra flyers are in the back of church, please help advertise by posting at your place of employment or on a community bulletin board. Thank you!



Quilt Raffle

PCCW members please pick up your raffle tickets from the back of the church. All ladies of the parish are asked to sell a minimum number of tickets each year. **Please return your ticket stubs to the parish by Sunday, Nov 30th or the day of the Craft Show by noon.**

Craft Tables Still Available for Dec. 6th

Have you reserved your craft table for St. Mary's Craft Fair? Time is running out. Please reserve your table now by going online at: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034.

Digital Sign Update

We are pleased to announce that St. Mary Parish has officially contracted with BL Signage, LLC for the installation of our new digital sign. You may notice paint markings on the lawn and in the coming days, some digging as preparations begin for the electrical work and base foundation. Thank you for your prayers and support, the new sign will help us share parish news, events, and messages more easily with everyone who passes by—another great way to stay connected as a community!

Parish Announcements continued

Annual Report to the Bishop 2024-2025

The annual report has been completed and reviewed by the Finance Council. A copy of the report is included in the digital version of today's bulletin and printed copies are available in the back of church.

Diocesan Annual Appeal—Fueling Missions of Hope

Informational letters and giving cards were mailed on this past week. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. To give online scan the QR code and in the parish dropdown choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley



Listening Sessions—VIRTUAL OPTIONS

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to over 3,000 of our people who attended a 90-minute session. If you missed your chance, there are now two virtual options available.

⇒ Tues, Nov 11 (7:00-8:30pm)

⇒ Thurs, Nov 13 (6:00-7:30pm)

Scan the QR code or visit the site above to join or visit: www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch.



Memorial Mass for Lost Infants - Nov 21 in Viroqua

On Friday, November 21st, we will be offering a memorial Mass for all lost infants at 5:15 pm here in Viroqua. The Mass will be followed by an hour of Adoration with prayer teams and confessions available, with a soup dinner to conclude the evening down in Marian Hall. This will be a time set apart to remember and pray for the little lives lost to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or any other cause of infant loss. It also will provide a space for us, both as individuals and as a community, to properly grieve the loss of these little lives. All are warmly welcome, whether you have personally lost a child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or friend, or you simply would like to support and pray for those who have experienced this kind of loss. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Father Joe, or Carly Zadow at 608-792-4872.

Diocesan/Community Announcements

Something for Seniors

United Country-Oakwood Realty, LLC is sponsoring the 4th annual **Something For Seniors** gift drive throughout the month of November which is National Long Term Care Awareness Month. **Something For Seniors** is like **Toys For Tots**, but Christmas gifts are collected and given to our seniors living in local healthcare and assisted living facilities. Crafts, puzzles, body care products, socks, are just a few ideas of donation items. A full list of ideas is found on the collection boxes located at: The Market Place (Cenex) in Gays Mills, Hansen's IGA in Westby, Valley Market in Coon Valley, & in Viroqua: Nelson Agri-Center, The Viroqua Food Coop, Dollar Tree, St Mary's Catholic Church, Vernon County Aging & Disability Resource Center. We ask that only "New" items be donated. Gifts can also be purchased through Amazon. For more information and gift ideas, please visit: SomethingForSeniors.Org or join the Something For Seniors FaceBook Group. Thank you!

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Veterans Day Chickenque

Sun., Nov. 9,
10:30 until 2 or
gone. Half
chicken, baked
potato and all
the fixing's CV
American
Legion Hall
Serving in the
hall or carryout



LORD, WE PRAY THAT ALL OF OUR VETERANS RECEIVE THE HONOR AND APPRECIATION THEY SO GREATLY DESERVE. MAY NO ONE EVER FEEL FORGOTTEN OR NEGLECTED. LET EVERY MAN AND WOMAN EXPERIENCE THE ENDURING GRATITUDE AND LOVE OF A GRATEFUL NATION.

Activity Corner

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the very end.

...Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples that it was written, "Zeal for thy will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, " this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three ?" But he spoke of the temple of

Destroy days
whip coins
house sheep
remembered



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@diocclergy.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.



ST MARY'S

CRAFT Show

DECEMBER 6, 2025 | 8 AM - 2PM

COON VALLEY VILLAGE HALL

108 ROOSEVELT ST, COON VALLEY, WI

A Seasonal Tradition for 24 Years
Crafts and Baked Goods of all kinds
Concession counter opens at 8 AM
Free Admission

More info contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 and/ or e-mail
Peters@mwt.net or St. Mary's at 608-452-3841 or
visit stmarycv.org and click on "Craft Show" Tab

Tables available for crafters \$30 before Nov. 1st, \$35 after Nov. 1st
(tables provided)

St. Mary Parish
Annual Report
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Statement of General Statistics

~Catholic population of the parish – 261.

~The percentage of people in the boundaries of the parish that are Catholic – 10%.

~Catholic households in the parish – 113.

~The number of envelope holders who give \$100 or more per year – 63.
(this number is used for Diocesan calculations)

**Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, Mass Intentions,
PCCW and Men's Club checking on July 1, 2024: \$37,918.15**

Receipts

Adult Envelopes	\$75,794.00
Youth Envelopes	\$0.00
Offertory Collections	12,196.31
Votive Candles, Catholic Life Mag, Grants, and Misc.	7,085.01
Net Profit of from Fundraisers	7,499.82
PCCW and Men's Club	7,070.00
Memorials	50.00
Total Interest Earned (checking and savings)	2,125.84
Religious Education Tuition	350.00
Annual Appeal Rebate	1,770.00
Net Funds withdrawn from Savings Acct	14,093.90
Works of Charity	0.00
Accounts Payable (employee taxes)	1,551.71
Prior year assets	27.12
Collections for Mass Intentions	<u>2,320.00</u>

Total of all Receipts: \$131,933.71

Disbursements

Salaries – Parish Priest	\$18,412.50
Salaries – Other Clergy	400.00
Salaries – All Other	25,432.11
Professional Fees and Services	2,597.16
Payroll Taxes	2,004.88
Group Insurance and Retirement	8,835.56
Household Expenses	798.14
Office Supplies	4,915.80
All Utilities	7,339.67
Auto and Travel Allowances	218.98
Liturgical and Church Goods	3,325.28
Instructional Supplies, Texts	365.10
** Repairs and Maintenance	3,899.69
Property and Liability Insurance	1,532.50
** Miscellaneous, Contact Services and Rentals Paid	12,948.23
Diocesan Assessment/Quota	3,066.00
Aquinas Catholic Schools Subsidy	3,466.66
PCCW/Men's Club Expenditures	7,584.99
Funds deposited to Savings Account (transfer and interest)	7,890.96
Distribution from Funds for Works of Charity Acct	0.00
Prior Years Accounts Payable	1,227.11
Total of All Disbursements:	<u>\$116,261.32</u>

**Total cash balance of Parish, Works of Charity, Mass Intentions,
PCCW and Men's Club checking on June 30, 2025: \$53,590.54**

Beginning Balance (all funds)	\$37,918.15
Receipts	131,933.71
Disbursements	116,261.32
Ending Balance (all funds)	\$53,590.54

Diocesan Collection Appeals and flow through

(These are funds are not shown in receipts or disbursements)

World Mission Sunday	\$275.00
Mission Co-Op	964.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	400.00
Rice Bowl	6.33
Lenten Mite Boxes	16.56
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	130.00
Holy Land/Good Friday Collection	442.50
Low Sunday PCCW Collection	354.00
Other Misc. (Food Pantry, etc.)	<u>1,288.50</u>
Total	<u>\$3,876.89</u>

**** Repairs/Maintenance/Contracts/Misc.**

Rectory Painting	\$11,455.00
Rectory Chimney inspection/cleaning	230.00
AED Battery/supplies	562.00
Keyless locks	531.49
Snow Removal	480.00
Lawn leveling	690.00
Ramp Lattice and repairs	293.93
Other misc. repairs and supplies	<u>2,605.50</u>
Total	<u>\$16,847.92</u>

Total cash balance of **Parish savings accounts**

at the Diocese on June 30, 2025:

\$59,710.24

Spiritual Statistics – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

1 Baptisms
0 Confirmations
1 Received Their First Holy Communion
0 Baptized Christian received into full communion (RCIA)
We did not have solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for periods of time throughout the year
Sunday Mass is at 8:00 AM and Saturday Mass of Anticipation is at 4:00 PM
1 Marriage where both parties are Catholic
0 Marriage of mixed religion
0 Parishioners in seminary studies
0 Parishioner preparing to be received into an institute of consecrated life – Religious Life
0 Parishioners participating in lay ministry programs
Times for hearing confessions: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment.
We had regularly scheduled penance services with individual confessions during Advent and Lent
About 15 parishioners received the Anointing of the Sick
2 Deaths in the parish
0 full burials, 2 cremation burials in the parish cemetery
2 Students from parish attend Catholic school system (K-8)
22 attend K-8 Public School
0 attend Catholic high School (9-12)
14 attend public high school (9-12)
14 Public grade school students (K-8) attended Rel. Ed. Classes
2 Public high school students (9-12) attended Rel. Ed. Classes

Employment Statistics

1 Priest on payroll
4 employees working 26 weeks or more per year (0-19 hours/wk)
1 seasonal employee

St. Mary Parish
Cemetery Report
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

**Total cash balance of Cemetery checking and
Perpetual Care fund as of July 1, 2024** **\$32,112.53**

Receipts

Lot Sales	\$1,200.00
Grave Opening/Closings	0.00
Investment Income	2,182.11
Other (contributions, insurance, realized gains/losses)	<u>483.57</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$3,865.68</u>

Expenses

Salary/Wages	\$526.00
FICA	40.24
Supplies	334.09
Other (fees, insurance, realized gains/losses)	<u>956.65</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1,856.98</u>

**Total cash balance of Cemetery checking and
Perpetual Care fund as of July 1, 2024** **\$34,121.23**

Beginning Balance (checking and perpetual care fund)	\$32,112.53
Receipts	3,865.68
Disbursements	1,856.98
Ending Balance (checking and perpetual care fund)	<u>\$34,121.23</u>