

**PASTOR**

**Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)**

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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](mailto: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

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 [fatherjoerichards@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjoerichards@gmail.com) 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.

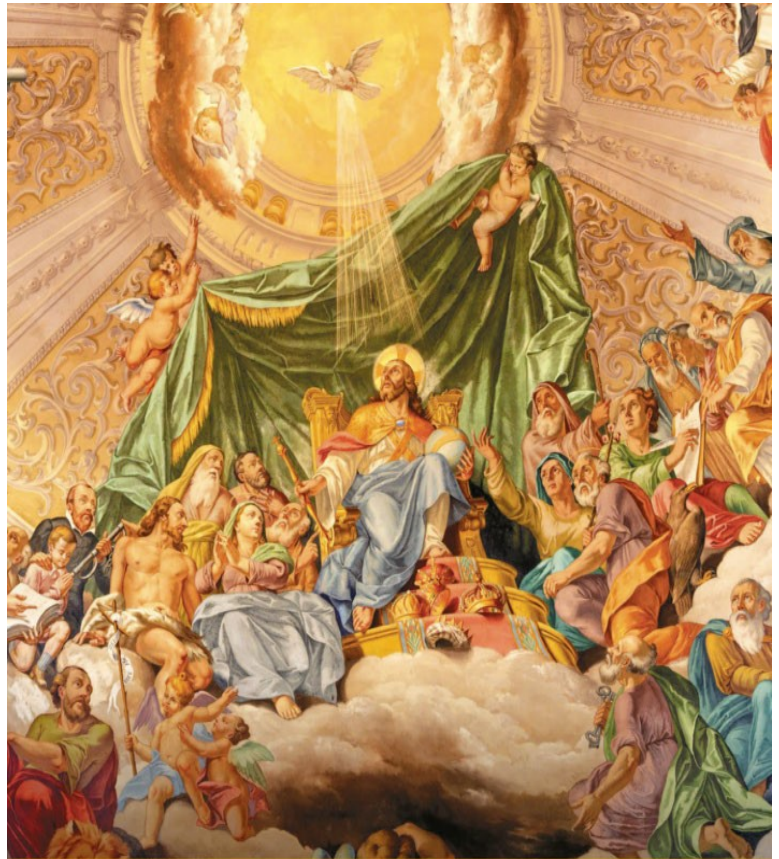
# St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley)



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

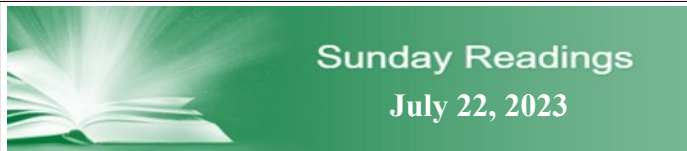
*Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor*

*July 23, 2023*

*Readings: 623A*

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Sunday Readings July 22, 2023

- 1) *Wisdom* 12:13, 16-19; 2) *Romans* 8:26-27;  
3) *Matthew* 13:24-43

### Intentions

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|---|
| Jul 22 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska                               |
| Jul 23 ~ 8:00 AM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families |
| Jul 25 ~ 5:15 PM - † Edward Kerska  |
| Jul 27 ~ 8:00 AM - † Linda Jeffers  |
| Jul 29 ~ 4:00 PM - † Robert "Bob" Dickman                                 |
| Jul 30 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family                                      |

### 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 22 & 29, Nov 19, Dec 10.  
**Weekdays open:** Oct 24, Nov 9, 14, & 28, Dec. 14, 19, 26, & 28. 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.



### Next Week in Service — July 29/30

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

|                 |                                  |                               |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Readers:        | <b>Sat.</b> – Nancy Peters       | <b>Sun.</b> – Marlene Humfeld |
| Ushers:         | <b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers         | <b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers      |
| Money Counters: | Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman |                               |

### **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](http://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).

### **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.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **July 24 ~ Picnic Planning Meeting** 6 PM in the church basement
- **July 25-Aug 9** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **July 29 ~ Parish Picnic - 11 AM to 4 PM**
- **July 29/30** ~ Seminarian John Francis' last weekend
- **August 8** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **August 14-18** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO
- **August 15 ~ Holy Day of Obligation, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass** 5:15 PM
- **August 17** ~ No daily Mass
- **August 19/20** ~ Mission Coop weekend

**Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

### 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 July 11, 2023  
 Pledges received at the Diocese(23): \$88,720.00  
 Payments received at the Diocese: \$23,3600.00  
 Under Goal (\$16,280.00)  
 Percent of Goal Pledge: 84.50%  
 Percent of Goal Received: 22.25%



### **Needed for the Month of July**

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| \$10,000.00         | at \$2000 per week         |
| \$5,468.00          | Received so far            |
| <b>(\$4,532.00)</b> | <b>Short for the Month</b> |



| <b>Giving Last Week</b> |                   | <b>Week 29</b>              | <b>7/16/2023</b>   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Env(31)           | \$1960.00         | Needed Weekly               | \$2,000.00         |
| Offertory               | \$164.00          | Received This Week          | \$2,124.00         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$2,124.00</b> | <b>Running total needed</b> | <b>\$58,000.00</b> |
|                         |                   | YTD Received                | \$50,659.51        |
|                         |                   | Difference                  | (7,340.49)         |



## From the Pastor



Hello friends,

This weekend we're holding a State of the Parish Address (think State of the Union but on a slightly smaller scale). In case you have to buzz out or your kids are having a moment and just can't stick around for another ten minutes (totally understandable), allow me to recap a few bits from it in speed mode. I see my role here as a stewarding one – for this season I have been given the gift of leading these parishes, inherited from my predecessors and eventually to be handed on to my successors. My responsibility is to listen for and try to respond to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. Given the limits of this page I'll be a bit more direct– stick around for the sessions or feel free to call if you have any questions on the “why” behind anything.

- **Looking behind** – RE, Liturgy Schedule, and Administration. Regarding RE, last school year we reoriented RE to focus on a family-driven catechesis. This presented a steep learning curve for families to learn how to teach the faith. The heart of formation is the Sunday liturgy, so we'll keep tying RE intimately to weekend Masses. Regarding liturgies, I promised when I started that we wouldn't touch the Mass schedule for my first year. Given our numbers on weekdays and weekends our current schedule is serving our needs well and remains the best fit. Regarding Administration, I am grateful for the way Fran and Amy (and many of you in your dedicated interests) carried us through our most recent transition. I'm working to understand everything that makes a parish tick, and that learning curve continues.
- **Looking right now** – Capital Campaign, Liturgical Ministry, and Planning Ahead. Regarding the Campaign, we've just completed the fund drive right around 84% of our goal. This will reimburse our sidewalk replacements, the garage roof, and the church gutters. Last week we initiated replacement and repairs to the rectory fascia and gutters, which we'll hopefully see in the next calendar year. Regarding liturgies, we're building up our lector and server rosters. Regarding Planning, our RE team is mid-conversation about next year – a separate communication is coming shortly with the year's schedule, programming, and sacramental plan (First Communion & Confession, Confirmation).
- **Looking ahead** -- Sacraments, Community, and Faith Formation. I see real growth happening here and necessary continued growth. Regarding Sacraments, our weekend Masses are well attended even during the traditionally-lower summer months. I pray for our weekday Mass attendance and utilization of confession to increase. Regarding Community, we have parishioners stepping up to organize and run community events, and I *love* when people mingle after Mass. I pray that you will continue seeking opportunities to encounter each other and especially to let yourselves wrestle with the discomfort of introducing yourselves to people you don't know yet. As far as faith formation is concerned, I expected last year's RE learning curve to manifest itself, and I am glad to have seen a few independent and John-driven book and scripture studies come together. I pray that our families will give this year another earnest shot in RE and that you feel the freedom and initiative to gather with each other to encounter God's word together.

There it is, a quick breakdown of where I feel our pulse. God bless you, and thank you again for trusting me with this gift of stewardship,

~ Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



Next  
Saturday  
July 29th

11 AM—4 PM

Food, fun, and fellowship!  
Spread the word and we will see you on Saturday!

### Parish Picnic Meeting

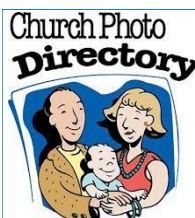
The final **parish picnic meeting will be held on Monday, July 24 at 6:00PM** to solidify plans for the big event. Anyone willing to help with the picnic is encouraged to attend. We will need help to do a variety of tasks so the more help we have the better. Both men & women are encouraged to attend.

### Desserts Needed for the Picnic

The picnic committee kindly asks for donations of cookies or bars that will be served with the meal at the picnic. Please bring to the church by 11 AM on Saturday. Thank you!



### New Church Directory - Book Your Picture Time



It is time to schedule your picture to be taken for our new church family directory. The photographer will be here on **September 6, 26 & 27**. Be sure to schedule your appointment early so you can get a date/time that works best for your family. Appointments will be available from 2:00 to 8:36 PM. **There will be help before and after Mass this weekend and on July 29 & 30 to schedule a time. There will also be someone available to schedule appointments during the parish picnic for those who need assistance.**

You may also sign-up using the website [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), church code is **wi259** and password is **photos**. You may Contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198 with questions or to change or cancel your photography appointment

The plan is to have everyone on the schedule by early August. Members who haven't scheduled by early August will be receiving a call from the directory committee. The parish is hoping to include pictures of **all parish members** in this edition of the family directory.



## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### See SOUND OF FREEDOM – Powerful Movie on Daring Rescue of Trafficked Children

See the movie taking the country by storm – SOUND OF FREEDOM, a true story starring Jim Caviezel as Tim Ballard, a Homeland Security agent who quits his job and puts his life at risk to go on a dangerous journey through the Colombian jungle to rescue hundreds of children from human traffickers. This powerful drama raises awareness about the 2 million children exploited every year in the international sex-trafficking trade. To find out where you can see it, visit [angel.com/watch/sound-of-freedom](http://angel.com/watch/sound-of-freedom), or scan the QR code to the right.



### Pilgrimage – Jul 31 to Aug 1

A motor coach pilgrimage is planned July 31 to Aug. 1 to the Benedictines of Mary Queen of the Apostles convent in Gower, MO to pray at the tomb of Sister Wilhelmina, who is thought to be incorrupt. Father Joe Redfern will serve as chaplain. Overnight accommodation will be in Kansas City. For more information email [pjislattery9@protonmail.com](mailto:pjislattery9@protonmail.com) or call (608) 452-4605

### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Boil – Aug 3

Door of Hope hosting their annual corn boil on August 3rd at the Vernon County Fair Grounds. 210 Fairground Rd, Viroqua, WI. Lunch hours 12 -2 PM and Dinner hours 4-7 PM. All the sweet corn you can eat! Adults \$10, Children 4-12 \$5, 3 and under free. Corn to go: \$7/dozen. The meal also includes hot dogs, chips, beans, soda and ice cream. Bulk ticket purchase of 15 or more available prior to event for \$8 each. Contact Door of Hope at: [door.of.hope@outlook.com](mailto:door.of.hope@outlook.com) with questions.



### Catholic Charities Back2School Program

If you or someone you know is in need of school supplies, please fill out an application at: <https://bit.ly/453WPNw>. **Pick up events are August 8 (1-6:00 p.m.) & August 9 (7:30 a.m.-Noon) at the La Crosse Center and August 17 (5-7:30 p.m.) at the Mathy BGC.** Please choose your pickup location when filling out your application. If your family isn't in need but would like to assist those who are, please join us by donating items such as large size backpacks, heavy duty folders, washable markers, loose-leaf paper, scissors, etc. Thank you for helping students and families have a successful start to the new school year!!

### Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 14-18

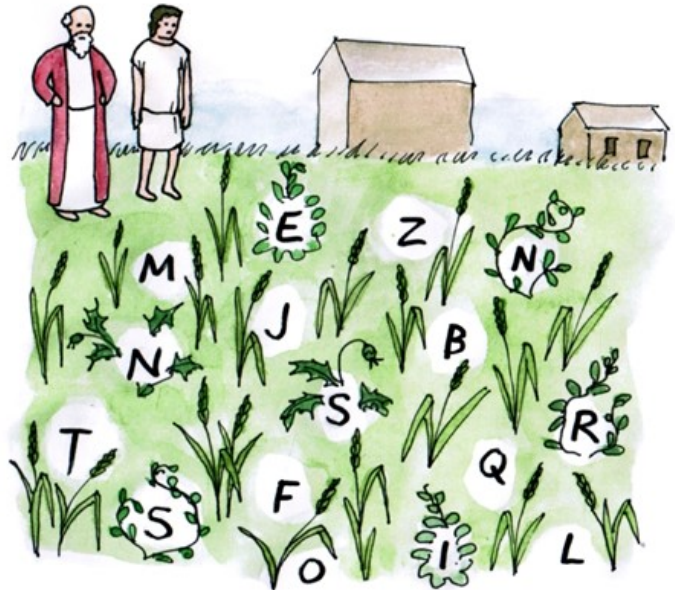
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 14-18. No experience needed. Register online at [GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music) or contact Scott Turkington [sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org](mailto:sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org)

### Calling all single Catholics! Aug 25-27

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI *OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions.* This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). (If joining us in-person, use the promo code (PARISH23) when you register to get \$50 off! *Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.*) Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

## Activity Corner

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23rd, 2023



What did the weeds in today's parable represent?  
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.



← The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.

Answers: sinners



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

### International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima Parish Visitation Schedule - Aug 26

The Statue of Fatima will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 26th from 10:25 AM-4:30 PM along with 2nd Class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto. See the flyer in back of church for other parish dates throughout the Diocese.





# St. Mary's Picnic on the Lawn

**SATURDAY, JULY 29TH**  
**11am- 4:00 pm**

**Join us for a fun afternoon with  
family & friends!**

**All are Welcome!**

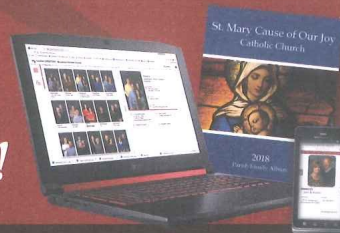
**Hog Roast, Bounce House, Dunk Tank,  
Snow Cones, Kids Games and More!**  
**Live Music by Leather & Lace (12 - 2)**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
**900 Central Ave**  
**Coon Valley, WI**





Dear Church family,  
It's time for a New Directory!



Schedule your photo  
time online

Photo dates:

- **Wednesday, Sept 6th**  
from 2 PM to 8:30 PM
- **Tuesday, Sept 26th**  
from 2 PM to 8:30 AM
- **Wednesday, Sept 27th**  
from 2 PM to 8:30 PM



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

## Connections Event

*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



There will be help to schedule an appointment before and after Mass on July 22, 23, 29 & 30. There will also be someone available to schedule appointments during the parish picnic for those who need assistance.

## ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- ◇ Go to the Universal Church Directories website ([www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com))
- ◇ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- ◇ Enter your church code **wi259**
- ◇ Enter your church password **photos**
- ◇ Click on the Enter button
- ◇ Click on the desired photography date
- ◇ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ◇ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ◇ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ◇ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ◇ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- ◇ **Contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198 to change or cancel your photography appointment**