

St. Mary Parish

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Dcn. Tony Shay

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May 26, 2024

Readings: 573B



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

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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

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary),
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & 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.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 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.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday Readings

May 26, 2024

- 1) Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40/165; 2) Romans 8:14-17;
3) Matthew 28: 16-20

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, May 25

The Most Holy Trinity

-4: 00pm Mass - † Cheryl Roesler and
Bernard and Cecelia Humfeld
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, May 26

The Most Holy Trinity

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

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

MONDAY, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury/Memorial Day

- 9:30am Mass - † Fallen soldiers and deceased veterans

TUESDAY, May 28

St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

- NO 5:15pm Mass - † Anna Kerska—NO MASS

THURSDAY, May 30

- NO 8:00am Mass - † Fr. Lyle Schulte—NO MASS

SATURDAY, June 01

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi

-4: 00pm Mass - † Verdel, Sarah, and David Holte
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, June 02

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi

-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg



CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sun: 7:15am to 7:45am

Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 04/26/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,700.00	\$12,650.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,515.00</u>	<u>\$14,515.00</u>
Under Target	(\$1,815.00)	(\$1,865.00)
Percent Pledged: 87.50%, Percent Received: 87.15%		
Number Contributing: 28		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, reoccurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 20-31** ~ Fr. Joe chaplaining the FOCUS' New Staff Training , No daily Mass
- **May 25/26** ~ Welcome Fr. Nate Kuhn
- **May 27 ~ 8:30 AM** - Legion salute at our Cemetery
9:30 AM - Memorial Day Mass with Fr. Sam McCarty
- **Jun 04** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **Jun 07 ~ Eucharistic Rally** in La Crosse from 10 AM—8:30 PM
- **Jun 23-26** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO, No daily Mass
- **Jul 27 ~ Our Summer Picnic**

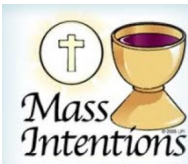


Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

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.

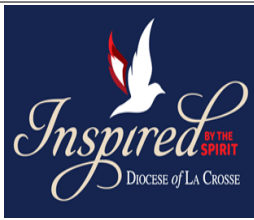


Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 11 & 31; Sep. 1, 7 or 8, 14, 21, & 29.

Open Weekdays: Jul 4, 11, & 30: Aug 22 & 29. Sep 5, 12, 17, 19, & 26.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of May 17, 2024

Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00

Payments received: \$39,904.50

THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$4,852.00 Received as of week 3

(\$3,148.00) Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week

			5/19/2024
Adult Env()	\$915.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$204.00	Received This Week	\$1,149.00
Memorial	<u>\$20.00</u>	Running total needed	\$40,000.00
Total	<u>\$1,149.00</u>	YTD Received	\$35,266.57
		Difference	(4,733.43)

From the Pastor

Hello from Lincoln friends,

We're in day three of training down here – I'm sitting in the back of a presentation room with some 150 first-year missionaries (the other half of them are down in Florida), all with heads thoroughly spinning. God bless these men and women. They're drinking from a firehose, all bringing in their own worries and excitements and questions and hopes, all surrounded by 149 other missionaries that all seem to have their lives just that much more put together. My role down here is to help them work through some of this. Each new missionary has been called to a specific mission in an established organization, a few years on the college campus leading Bible studies, mentoring students, working through their own discipleship and leading students through similar work.

For me that practically means a lot of confessions and spiritual direction, pastoral presence in the cafeteria and between classes and at recreation – walking around with this “I'm a priest” signpost of a clerical collar on my neck (I'm in my cassock today, so that's an even louder sign) so that when folks need to talk to a priest they know where to find one. I know there's real sacrifice for both our parishes for me to step away for almost two full weeks – I want you to know that this sacrifice is worth something. You probably won't see the fruit that having priests available will bear for these folks, but there's something beautiful and comforting in knowing that – even when I don't directly see it – the Holy Spirit's grace is moving and effective. Again, thank you, and pray for these new missionaries.

In other news, some of you saw John Francis when he stopped in last week to visit his old Bible study. FYI, John is forging on in seminary, heading into year 2 of pre-theology (the two years of philosophy studies before the final 4 years of theology studies) in Milwaukee. By all accounts he's crushing it. Keep praying for him and for his openness to God's will. Also pray earnestly for our summer seminarian Matthew – next Saturday morning he'll be ordained a Deacon at the Cathedral. This is the moment in seminary where a guy definitively locks in the decision and becomes a cleric. We'll see Matthew shortly after he becomes Deacon Matthew, but for now pray your hearts out for him.

Okay friends, it's time for me to get back to paying attention.

God bless you, Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

HONORING MEMORIAL DAY—Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Mass

Please join Fr. Sam McCarty for Mass in the church on **Monday, May 27 at 9:30 AM** to remember and honor those who have given their lives for our daily freedoms.

Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Each year the Coon Valley American Legion presents a brief program at area cemeteries to honor our fallen soldiers. Below is the schedule:



7:30 am Koethe Cemetery
7:45 am Trinity Church (Mormon Coulee)
8:00 am St. Joseph Ridge Cemetery

8:30 am St. Mary Catholic/North Ridge Cemetery

9:30 am Bethany Church (Esosfa)
10:00 am Coon Valley Lutheran Church
10:30 am Parade—Coon Valley/Central Avenue with a program at the Coon Valley Veterans Memorial Park



Last Sunday we celebrated our First Communicants, Confirmand and Graduates! Also celebrated were the religious education students who bested the adults in Jeopardy! Thanks to Bridget Goodwin, their top-notch teacher!

Parish Announcements continued

Rummage Sale Option here at St. Mary - Jun 21 & 22

Parishioners interested in holding a rummage sale may do so on the church parking lot during Coon Valley Trout Fest. **The church will only provide the space;** the selling will be the responsibility of those selling items. Sellers must set-up and man their own table. Anyone wanting to sell items are asked to bring their own table if possible. The area will be advertised as open Friday and Saturday, June 21 & 22, from 8:00AM-1:00PM. All items must be packed away by 3:00PM on Saturday. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church so we have an idea of how many are interested.

Save the Date
July 27, 2024



Diocesan/Local Announcements



"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally: Be Part of This Amazing Day! | June 7 | La Crosse Center

Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and internationally-known speakers as we seek to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, His gift of Himself to us with unconditional love. For info visit diolc.org/the-answer

Healing Mass & Service - Jun 3

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on Monday, June 3rd at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

Vacation Bible School! June 4th-6th

A Vacation Bible School put on by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be coming to St. Charles in Genoa on Tuesday-Thursday, June 4th-6th at St. Charles School from 8 AM - Noon. For all kids (St. Charles parishioners or guests) Grades K-6th. **To register for the day program, email or call the St. Charles Parish Office by Tuesday, May 28.** office@stcharlesgenoa.org. (608) 689-2642 Cost: Donation.



Join Pro-Life Wisconsin and fellow pro-lifers from around our state as we stand up for the rights of every human person at the March for Life Wisconsin in Madison on **Saturday, June 15th from 1:30pm-3:30pm.** Find out more and tell us you're coming at ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife. Have questions? Contact Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director Lesley Chisholm at 262-796-1111 X116.



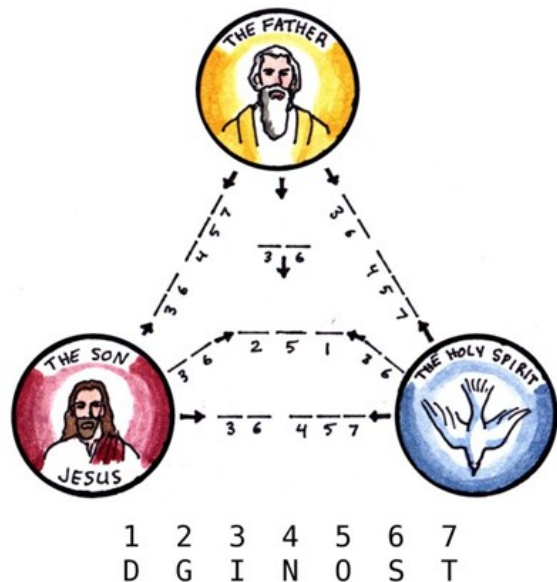
Activity Corner

What is the Blessed Trinity?

The Blessed Trinity is God! There are three Persons in God, but there is only one God. "Trinity" comes from the Latin word for three.

Only God the Son, Who is Jesus, has a body. But we show God the Father as an old man, and the Holy Spirit as a dove.

Here is a puzzle that might help you understand the Holy Trinity a little better. Use the letter code at the bottom to fill in the blanks.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwat.net

May 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

Praised be Jesus Christ! It has been a while since my last update and thought I would fill you in on some recent happenings.

Today is my last day of finals for the semester! I cannot believe how quickly the time passed this academic year. In January, we celebrated the feast day of St. Francis de Sales, who is the patron saint of the seminary. Over 40 priests from around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee attended, making for an enjoyable evening. In February, our eyes were set on defending our first-place finish at the St. Francis de Sales Basketball Invitational the prior year. For the past three years, the seminary has hosted a basketball tournament drawing over 13 seminaries from around the United States. In 2023, the St. Francis de Sales 'Shoremen' won the gold ball! I decided to join the team this year and it was a blast! Practicing once a week brought me back to my high school days and was a nice relief from study. Unfortunately, we came up short in the championship game and had to settle for second place. We are already strategizing how we are going to regain the national title next year!

Jumping to March, which had an early Holy Week this year. I went back home to Chippewa Falls and served the liturgies, which are some of my favorites throughout the entire liturgical year. Each liturgy of the triduum has a different emphasis, making for a poignant commemoration of Christ's passion, death and ultimate Resurrection on Holy Saturday. The month of April is the start of 'ordination season', and it was impactful seeing my seminarian brothers from Milwaukee get ordained transitional deacons. The Diocese of La Crosse's diaconate ordination is coming up on June 1st with three seminarians getting ordained to the transitional diaconate!

Although this year has flown by, I give thanks to God for letting me study to, God-willing, one day be ordained a priest for the Diocese of La Crosse. My time at the parish last summer was very impactful for my discernment and I hope to visit sometime soon. This summer, I am working on summer staff at a Catholic Youth Expeditions in Door County which does outdoor camping expeditions for high schoolers and young adults. I am very excited! In the Fall, I'll be finishing up my last year of philosophy studies before I enter theology. Please pray for me and know of my prayers for you.

In Christ,

