

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

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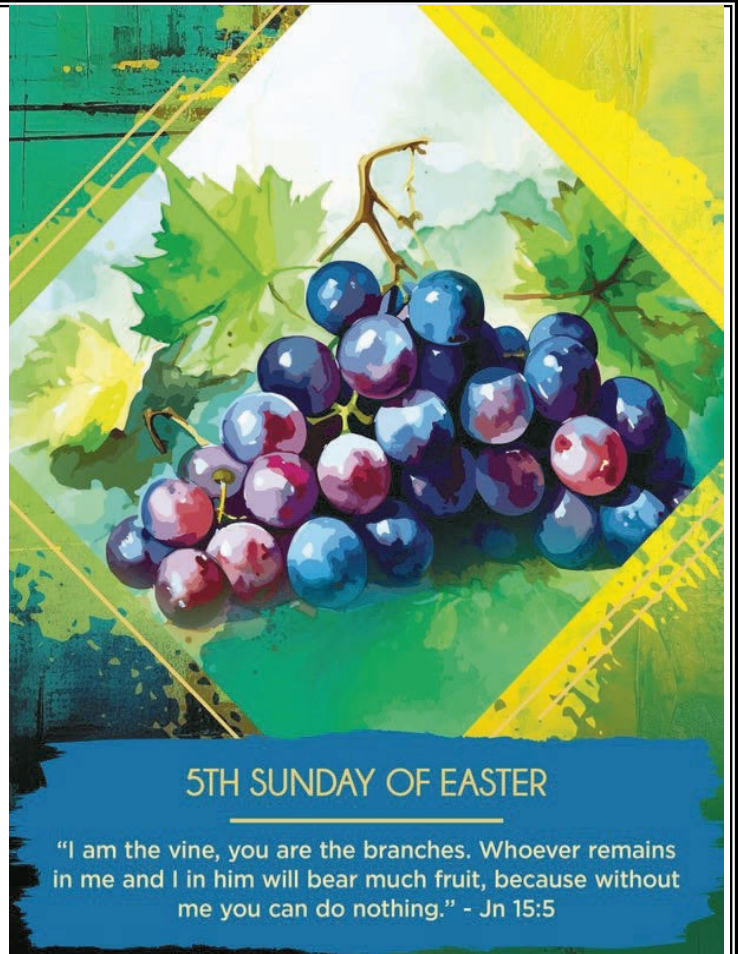
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

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

April 28, 2024

Readings: 560B



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

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 Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

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

Mike Callan, 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: 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings

April 28, 2024

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 2) I John 3:18-24;
3) John 15: 1-8

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, April 27

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-4: 00pm Mass - † Betty Callan
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:00am Mass - † Neveah Niemyjski
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, April 30

St. Pius V

- 5:15pm Mass - † Verdel, Sarah and David Holte

THURSDAY, May 2

St. Athanasius

- 8:00am Mass - Martha Torres

SATURDAY, May 4

Sixth Sunday of Easter

-4: 00pm Mass - † Helen Stafslie
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

-8:00am Mass - Fleming and Ollendick Families
(living and deceased)
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney & Kathy Berg



CONFESSIONS

Sat: 3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sun: 7:15am to 7:45am

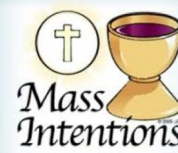
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- May 02 ~ Confirmation at Viroqua at 6:30 PM
- May 05 ~ First Communion Sunday! **NO** religious education class for either Coon Valley/Viroqua students.
- May 13 ~ PCCW Meeting 5: 30 PM
- May 19 ~ RE end of year party after the 8 AM Mass and parish social to celebrate our first communicant, confirmand, and graduates. The PCCW hosts will be both St. Theresa & St. Rose Guilds.
- May 20 ~ Installation of Bishop Gerard W. Battersby in La Crosse
- May 20-31 ~ Fr. Joe at Chaplain for FOCUS New Staff Training, No daily Mass
- May 25/26 ~ Welcome Fr. Nate Kuhn
- May 27 ~ Memorial Day
- Jun 07 ~ *Eucharistic Rally* in La Crosse from 10 AM—8:30 PM



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 23 & 30; Aug 11 & 31.

Open Weekdays: May 14, Jun. 11 & 20; Jul 4, 11, & 30; Aug 22 & 29.

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 April 26, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$39,479.50

THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,857.00	Received as of week 2
(\$3,143.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 04/26/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,450.00	\$12,350.00
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$2,065.00)	(\$2,165.00)
Percent Pledged: 85.77%, Percent Received: 85.08%		
Number Contributing: 27		

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.

Giving Last Week		4/21/2024	
Adult Env()	\$920.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$209.00	Received This Week	\$1,129.00
Total	\$1,129.00	Running total needed	\$32,000.00
		YTD Received	\$29,161.42
		Difference	(2,838.58)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I'm writing this halfway through the retreat with thirty-something priests at a beautiful old Redemptorist center on Crooked Lake. An average day starts off with some personal prayer, an overlarge breakfast, a morning conference, Mass, an overlarge lunch, a few free hours (usually in my canoe) before a late afternoon conference, an overlarge dinner, and silent prayer throughout the evening. Of course, any gathering of priests (for myself: this retreat, our biannual clergy conferences, quarterly "junior clergy" meetings, and my fraternity's monthly meetings) also means the solving of all the Church's problems. There's a perpetual danger of hardness or coldness there, but when we let ourselves look at the Diocese's parishes and personnel with love, the Holy Spirit tends to open some interesting doors.

One of the things that really sets Catholics apart is our ecclesiology – the fancy word for the understanding and study of the Church. We are distinguished at once by belonging individually to a geographical parish, and at the same time by belonging to a broader Church under the leadership of a successor to the Apostles (a bishop). The local focus keeps us growing, while the broad perspective keeps us grounded. A gathering like this also gives me the chance to see how my labors in our two parishes fit into the bigger picture of Christ's Body on Earth. There's sobering there, there's hopefulness there, and there's commonality there with my brothers.

April and May are also a curious season for priests – it's when clergy movement decisions are made and published. I'll set your minds at ease – my position is pretty secure. But we're also facing the reality that the Church is large and made up of many small churches with their own unique histories and cultures and needs. Our most limited resource (priests) mean we have to address current needs creatively. Of course, our own churches have seen this clearly with small moments like calling in a pinch hitter a few weeks ago (a lucky break) and with big moments like my own young assignment to two congregations, the historical closure of parishes like Rising Sun, etc. Big decisions have big local effects, and it's up to us to remain open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit throughout it all. If we ever get a sense of competitiveness or defensiveness between our two parishes or in relation to our larger Church ("my parish's needs matter most," "this event is the most important thing we do," etc.) we should be remarkably cautious – the Holy Spirit doesn't really work through fear. As we approach my third year here, let's keep up the healing and restoring work we have been doing with the docility and willingness to let the Lord be the one that saves us.

Remember, I love you very much. Thank you for joining me in this work, and let's continue healing and growing together.

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Please pray for our students receiving sacraments in the month of May

Jacqueline Steiger

Confirmation on May 2, 2024

and

**Theodore Goodwin and
Viktoria Gunderson**

First Communion on May 5, 2024



Rosary before Mass in the Month of May

May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, the rosary will be recited 20 minutes before the weekend masses in May. Please make an effort to join us.

Mother's Day Rose Sale - May 11 & 12

Honor your Mother the weekend of May 11th & 12th with a rose! The PCCW is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after both masses. A \$2 donation per rose is requested, with all proceeds going to Wisconsin Right To Life.



Casa Hogar Optical Mission Fundraiser

Sponsored by our very own Valley Fudge and Candy



The goal is to raise \$6,000 for the purchase a digital phoropter to help provide the very best prescriptions for those who desperately need them. With every fudge order through Mother's Day, the Optical

Mission will receive 50% profit. There are 2 ways to order the fudge: online with the QR code or use click on the link below or by calling the Valley Fudge & Candy shop at 608-452-2042. The containers of fudge are 7 oz and beyond delicious! It's a great gift for Mother's Day, or any other occasion, or just because you love fudge! **Casa Hogar Optical Mission Fundraiser**
<https://hogar.valleyfudgeandcandy.com/>

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.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Men's Choir Concert – Apr 28

Held at Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on April 28, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to hear a magnificent performance of Maurice Duruflé's Messe "Cum Jubilo" by a men's choir. This choral masterpiece blends traditional Gregorian chant with modern harmonies. This concert is free. More information at guadalupeshrine.org/events.

Vernon County 3rd Annual Senior Fair - May 1

On Wednesday, May 1 from 10 AM—2 PM at the Vernon County Fair Grounds. Open to the public regardless of age or disabilities. Large variety of exhibitors, blood pressure checks, covid booster shots, snacks, lunch baskets, free WiFi, drawings and give-a-ways. For info call ADRC at 608-637-5201. Special Events: Bingo, Live Music, and Live Tai Chi Demonstration. See the flyer in the back of church for specific times.

Grit & Grace Conference - May 4

The Franciscan Spirituality Center will be hosting its annual *Overcoming Challenges With Grit and Grace* conference on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30AM-3:00PM. The keynote speaker this year is Shannon Evans. She will share her experience of surviving septic shock and ensuing journey of learning embodied compassion for herself after medical trauma. There will also be several other speakers. The cost is \$65 which includes lunch. To register go to www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

St Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive

May 6th 1:00—6:00 pm. At the Town of Greenfield town hall. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged, to schedule online: versiti.org/wi or call 877-232-4376.

Grief Support at the Franciscan Spirituality Center

- **Listening Together: A Monthly Grief Support Group**
MAY 13 (Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.)
Also June 10, July 8, August 12.
- **Moving Through Grief Retreat**
MAY 16-18 (Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day)
- **Grief Circle IN-PERSON**
JUNE 12 (Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon)
- **Grief Circle ZOOM**
JUNE 12 (Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.)

Visit: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/> and type "Grief" into the search.

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

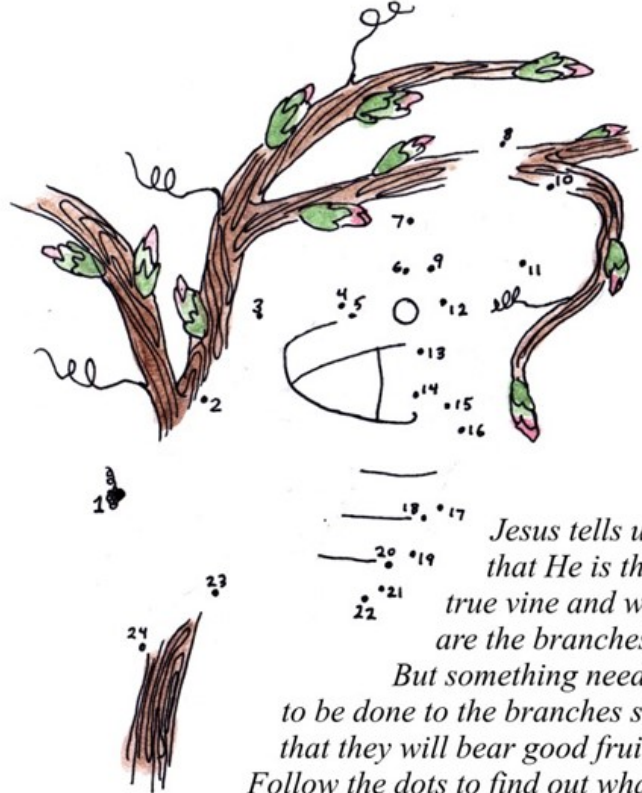
Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and 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 dioc.org/the-answer

Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295

Activity Corner

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.
But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)



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@mwtnet



WELCOME TO THE FUDGE FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING Casa Hogar Optical Mission

We are a mission team of doctors, opticians and volunteers who do eye exams and dispense donated glasses to the poorest of the poor. The reason for this fundraising effort is to raise \$6,000 for the purchase a digital phoropter to help with the fitting of eyeglasses. This machine will allow us to help provide the very best prescriptions for those who desperately need them.

We thank you for your support of this fundraiser.



Rocky Road Fudge
\$12.00



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\$12.00



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\$12.00



Caramel Vanilla Swirl Fudge
\$12.00

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Amaretto Chocolate Fudge
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Chocolate Pecan Turtle Fudge
\$12.00



Peanut Butter Chocolate Fudge
\$12.00



Mint Chocolate Swirl Fudge
\$12.00



Dark Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt Fudge
\$12.00



Chocolate Fudge
\$12.00

