

**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**

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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**

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue

Humfeld, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte.

**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

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: [stmarycv.org](http://stmarycv.org)

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

StMarysCoonValley

## Pancake Breakfast Sunday



28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc


*Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor*

*October 15, 2023*

*Readings: 659A*

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

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Sunday Readings

October 15, 2023

1) *Isaiah 25:6-10a*; 2) *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*;  
3) *Matthew 22:1-14*

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Oct 15** ~ Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** from 7:30 AM—Noon
- **Oct 15** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass, students help with breakfast
- **Oct 18** ~ Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua Annual Fall Turkey Dinner 4-7 PM
- **Oct 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 21/22** ~ World Mission Sunday
- **Oct 23** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Nov 05** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Nov 10** ~ RE MOVIE NIGHT 6 PM in Coon Valley
- **Nov 11/12** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal kickoff weekend
- **Nov 19** ~ Social after 8:00 AM Mass, sponsored by St. Cecelia Guild of the PCCW
- **Dec 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Dec 17** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley


<b>Intentions</b>
Oct 14 ~ 4:00 PM - † Norbert and Arlene Seichter
Oct 15 ~ 8:00 AM - † Kylie Von Ruden
Oct 17 ~ 5:15 PM - † Bob Dickman
Oct 19 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family
Oct 21 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Oct 22 ~ 8:00 AM - † William and Rose Marie LeJeune

# MASS Intentions

All 2023 Mass Intention Dates are FULL!

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.

**2024 Intentions now available!** Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.



**Fr. Joe's Office Hours:**

**Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time) and** OFFICE HOURS

**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.

Next Week in Service — Oct 21/22


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> – Volunteer
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers <b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg




*Inspired by the Spirit Campaign*

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
As of October 6, 2023  
Pledges received (28): \$97,720.00  
Payments received: \$26,505.00  
Under Goal (\$7,280.00)




CONFESSIONS

**Saturday:** 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
**Sunday:** 7:15am to 7:45am



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

- 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).



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,482.00	Received as of week 2
(\$6,518.00)	Short for the Month

Giving Last Week		Week 38	10/8/2023
Adult Env(24)	\$790.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	135.00	Received This Week	\$1,155.00
PC Breakfast(5)	230.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$82,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,327.00</b>	YTD Received	\$73,788.37
		Difference	(8,211.63)



## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

As promised, I'm including Noah's bio. We'll see Noah the second weekend of each month as part of his formation program, and I'll ask you to take the same initiative you took with John (for which I am very grateful) to welcome Noah into your lives and root his human & spiritual formation at the Journey program with concrete parish experience. Of course, his time with us is less intensive – whereas John lived with me every day of the month for the summer (God bless him), Noah will only be here on occasional weekends. Still, that will give us plenty of opportunity to share our lives with him. Here's what he has to say in introduction:

*“Hello, my name is Noah Anason and I am a member of the journey program in La Crosse Wisconsin. I grew up in Westfield Wisconsin with my three siblings. This past spring, I graduated from Westfield High School and throughout the year I had been stressing out about applying to various colleges despite not knowing what I wanted to major in for school. As this was going on I kept returning to the thought of the priesthood. Random people I didn't know would tell me I would make a good priest. So, despite resisting it at first I eventually gave in and thought of possibly discerning the priesthood. When I heard about the journey program from my dad it was a huge weight of stress lifted off my back. This program allows me more time to discern before entering college seminary and the stresses that can come from academics. This year is very prayer-focused as we have a holy hour, we pray the liturgy of hours and celebrate mass every day. This allows me to be able to focus on what the lord is calling me to do. As I continue this spiritual journey that I am on, I ask for continued prayers for me and my fellow journeyers. I look forward to getting to know those of you in Coon Valley and Viroqua.”*

And back to me. I'm writing this article between sessions on Wednesday of that Pastoral Development Workshop up in the Cities. Some twenty pastors ranging from brand new to old & crusty (that'll be me in no time) got here Sunday evening, and we hit the ground running. Short version: I've been impressed. Long version: everything started off with personal and pastoral development (character, time management, leadership skills), moving into practical tools (communications, HR, conflict, gift & charism recognition), coming into today's focus on strategic planning and vision & mission development. As we move into tomorrow and Friday we'll dive into integration and practical planning. They brought out the big guns – a mix of heavy hitting corporate types, lay church professionals, and longtime pastors – and at next week's clergy conference I'll be talking with Fr. Woody (our Vicar for Clergy/my boss) and Fr. Sakowski (the director of ongoing care for priests) to share both the material and also a strong recommendation for my brothers to attend as they step into their new pastorates over the next few years. I imagine this will have an impact on our St. Mary'ses over the coming years and on my own pastoring, and as ever I thank you for taking my absence graciously. God bless you all, and let's keep listening to the Lord together!

Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements



**Our Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
**Serving 7:30 AM—NOON**  
**This Sunday, October 15**  
**Come on down and have a delicious stack of pancakes and more!**

### Rosary Before Mass in October

The rosary will be said before the weekend mass during the month of October. Please come to church a little earlier than normal and join all in. Rosary will begin about 20 minutes before Mass.



### World Mission Sunday - Oct 21/22

*Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move*

Next weekend, we will unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we are invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

### PCCW Quilt Raffle

The PCCW ladies will be raffling off an Amish made quilt on Saturday, December 2 at their annual Craft Fair. Each female member of the parish is also a member of the ladies organization, PCCW. As a member you are asked to sell a minimum number of quilt raffle tickets each year. **Please pick up your tickets in the back of the church or at the pancake breakfast.** Ticket subs and money should be returned by November 26 or by NOON at the Craft Fair on December 2.

### Registering Crafters for our December 2nd Craft Sale

Crafters save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: [www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show) or contact Nancy Peters, by calling (608) 790-6034 or emailing: [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Annual Meatball Dinner – Oct 15

The CV Lutheran Church is hosting a Meatball Dinner on Sun., Oct 15 from 11 AM until gone. \$12/meal. Menu: Big 2 oz. meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, and lefse.

### Organ Recital - Oct 15

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites you to come to the Shrine this October 15 at 3 PM for an exceptional organ recital by John Turkington. Free admission—all welcome. Learn more at [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)!

### Annual Fall Turkey Dinner - ABVM Parish - Oct 18

St. Mary's, Viroqua will hold their Annual Turkey Dinner on Wednesday, October 18 from 4-7 PM. Dine-in Marian hall, upper level entrance. Adults \$15, Youth 5-10 \$10. Carry outs available for \$15, lower parking lot. The menu includes roasted turkey, all the fixings and homemade pie.

**Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18**  
**This Sunday, Oct. 8, is the deadline for registering for the Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet, which will be held on Oct. 18 at the Cathedral. I hope you can join us! We will honor**

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

and pray for our Catholic doctors and nurses at the Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan. After a delicious meal, Fr. Kizewski's talk will focus on the vital topic of the role of conscience in healthcare - how to form and defend it with courage against the threats posed by abortion, transgender ideology, euthanasia, and more. In these troubled times, this is crucial not only for healthcare professionals, but also for patients and their families. Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit [www.dioc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.dioc.org/GospelofLife).

### Queen of the Americas Guild Conference - Oct 20/21

Join the Guild for a 2-day conference/retreat examining Religious Liberty in today's world. It is open to all those who want to enhance their faith and learn more about the current state of Catholic Teaching and the history of our faith. This Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the keynote speaker. For more information visit: [queenoftheamericasguild.org](http://queenoftheamericasguild.org) or call 630-584-1822 or email: [staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org](mailto:staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org)

### ADRC of Vernon County Events in November

Free informational Summit Series, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, and Nov. 15. 9:30 AM to noon. Events will be held at Westby Coon Prairie Church, 500 South Main St, Westby. Registration is not required, but appreciated. Please call 608-637-5201. Goodie bags for first 30 people to register for each session. See the flyer in back for session details.

### 2023 Legacy Guild Dinner benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II | Nov 3 (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

#### Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse, WI

Please join us for the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II annual benefit dinner. The night will begin with a social at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.; following Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will share an update on what has been going on at Casa Hogar this year. Please use QR code to register or go to [www.homeajpm.org/events](http://www.homeajpm.org/events).



### DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@dioc.org](mailto:intakeagent@dioc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@dioc.org](mailto:tbrown@dioc.org).

## Activity Corner



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.  
Who was invited to the feast?

Answer: Everyone's invited!

### October Fun Fact!



Did you know October used to be the 8th month of the year? Hence the "octo" for eight. Around 716 B.C. the Romans moved away from

a Luner calendar (a 10 month system) to a 12 month calendar. They added in Ianuarius and Februarius pushing October out of its original spot to the tenth month – despite its name.



### 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)





# Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th • 7:30 AM—NOON**

**\$10.00**  
PER ADULT  
**\$5.00**  
KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU  
CAN EAT!**

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