

# St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

**Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay**

*Month  
of the  
Rosary*



October 26, 2025 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 667C

## CONNECT WITH US

### PASTOR

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### Office Hours in the Sacristy

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### Mailing Address

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### Email

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### Website

www.stmaryscv.org

### 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



"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted"

**Luke 18:14**

### Administrative Assistant

Amy Stafslie 608-452-3841  
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### 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

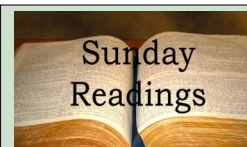
### Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



**October 26, 2025**

- 1) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
- 2) 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- 3) Luke 18:9-14

### Intentions / Schedule

#### **SATURDAY, October 25**

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 4:00pm Mass - † Ray and Mary Sedevie  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

#### **SUNDAY, October 26**

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00am Mass - † Marlis Urbanek  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Mark Boland and Mike Kammel

#### **TUESDAY, October 28**

*S.S. Simon and Jude, Apostles*

- 4:30pm Adoration  
- 5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

#### **THURSDAY, October 30**

*Weekday*

- 8:00am Mass - † Danny Powers

#### **SATURDAY, November 1**

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)*

- 4:00pm Mass - † Leona Welsh  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector:

#### **SUNDAY, November 2**

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)*

- 8:00am Mass - † Olaf "Ole" and Alice Haugen  
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



### **Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**

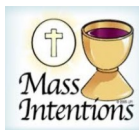
5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
As of October 22, 2025  
Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00  
**Payments received: \$65,666.50**  
**THANK YOU!**

### **Upcoming Events/Calendar**

- **Oct 25/26** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal Weekend
- **Oct 26** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Oct 29** ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- **Oct 31** ~ Halloween
- **Nov 1** ~ All Saints Day, 12: 10 PM Mass in Viroqua
- **Nov 2** ~ All Souls' Day  
~ Daylight Savings Time ends, clocks back 1 hr at 2 AM  
~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Nov 3** ~ Greif Share, Surviving the Holidays in Viroqua from 5-7 PM  
~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Nov 5** ~ First Reconciliation in Viroqua 6-7 PM
- **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



On All Hallows' Eve, let us remember that we belong to the communion of saints and share in the hope of everlasting light. Blessings for a safe and faith-filled evening.



**Mass intentions for 2026 are now being accepted. Reserve your special date early to ensure availability.** Below are open dates for the remainder of 2025.

**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Nov 8, 9 & 30. Dec 7, 13, 14, 27, & 28.

**Open Weekdays:** Nov 25. Dec. 2, 11 & 23.

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 [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or voice message 608-452-3841.



#### **Needed this Month**

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$8,000.00        | at \$2000 per week              |
| \$7,006.50        | Received as of week 3           |
| <b>(\$993.50)</b> | <b>Difference for the Month</b> |

### **Annual Appeal 2025-2026**

| As of 10/22/2025                                                                                                                                                             | Total Pledged        | Total Payments       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pledged/Paid                                                                                                                                                                 | \$2,500.00           | \$833.32             |
| Target Amount                                                                                                                                                                | <u>\$14,565.00</u>   | <u>\$14,565.00</u>   |
| <b>Under Target</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>(\$12,065.00)</b> | <b>(\$13,731.68)</b> |
| Percent Pledged: 17.16%, Percent Received: 5.72%                                                                                                                             |                      |                      |
| Number Contributing: 1                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                      |
| To donate online, visit: <a href="https://diolc.org/stewardship/">https://diolc.org/stewardship/</a> and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley |                      |                      |

| Giving Last Week |                   |                      | 10/19/2025  |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Adult Env ()     | \$1,030.00        | Needed Weekly        | \$2,000.00  |
| Offertory        | 233.50            | Received This Week   | \$1,363.50  |
| Pancke Bkft(5)   | 100.00            | Running total needed | \$84,000.00 |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$1,363.50</b> | YTD Received         | \$81,739.57 |
|                  |                   | Difference           | (2,260.43)  |
| Mission Coop     | \$695.00          |                      |             |

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Early last week our deacons and priests got together for our annual Fall Clergy Conference. This conference and the summer's Priest Unity Days make up the two official clergy gatherings every year, with Priest Unity Days traditionally leaning into fraternity and prayer and FCC into business. I mentioned last weekend that I was having my fraternity (Frs. McCarty, Gunther, Hokamp, Williams, and Schmitt) over for the evening, which unofficially started off the whole few days (with a really quite well-made moose stew). While these monthly meetings don't typically coincide with Diocesan business, it worked quite well to kick off our broader Diocesan fraternity with this focused group time.

Once the conference officially started on Monday we looked at personal renewal as a general theme – Fr. Mark Pierce (Pastor of my first assignment and a brilliant student and presenter of Sacred Scripture) invited us to let ourselves be lifelong students (that is, to not stop studying and expanding once we leave seminary), Dr. Jennifer and Mr. Nick Althoff invited us to take our physical health with a modicum of seriousness, and Diocesan liturgist Chris Carstens invited us to examine our *Ars Celebrandi* – that is, the Art of Celebrating the Liturgy. This afternoon blended our own wellbeing (parts, I suppose, of what may fit into the overused term “self-care”) with intentional and continuing formation. Perhaps it could all be summed up under the broader “sharpening the saw.”

On Tuesday Bishop Battersby kicked us off with his message – an exhortation to let our priesthoods be more Jesus' priesthood than our own. We were all predictably twitchy to hear if he had anything to say about restructuring, merging, etc. As has become its own norm, Bishop didn't give us a quick fix but instead invited us to curiosity and docility. Through this whole process the shared temptation to be handed “the Plan” has been a constant – there are big important numbers and big important needs and big important personnel and congregation trends out there, and you and I (and the gathered body of priests) wait in watchful expectation. Tension is hard, and it's built into us to want to “arrive” at a safe and final destination. The kicker with that is that for 2000 years the Church has never been about “arriving” here on Earth – it's been about journeying in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd to our final arrival in the next life. Through Fr. Sakowski's listening sessions, our own cooperation between parishes, and the big picture work the Holy Spirit is leading us through, Bishop's repeated narrative is a movement “from maintenance to mission” – honoring and stewarding what we've inherited, but above all following the example of the early disciples to ask in each moment, “where are You leading us right now, Lord?”

God bless you, Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

**Diocesan Annual Appeal – This Weekend**  
**Fueling Missions of Hope** “*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*” – John 20:21

Informational letters and giving cards are arriving in your mailbox this week. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Every gift, large or small, helps to fuel missions of hope—acts of mercy, service, and evangelization that flow from the heart of the Church. To give online scan the QR code and in the parish dropdown choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley



### The Communion of Saints: Remembering and Rejoicing

As the Church turns the calendar to November, we celebrate two beautiful feasts that remind us of the deep bond between heaven and earth.

On **All Saints' Day**, we rejoice with all who live forever in God's glory.

On **All Souls' Day**, we pray for those who have gone before us, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Together, these days invite us to reflect on the mystery of the **Communion of Saints**—the unbroken fellowship that unites all of God's children in faith, hope, and love.

#### All Saints' Day – November 1



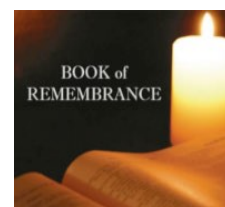
On **All Saints' Day**, we celebrate all the holy men and women—known and unknown—who now share in the glory of heaven. This holy day reminds us of our shared calling to holiness and the hope that one day we too may rejoice with the saints in the presence of God.

Let us give thanks for their example and ask for their prayers as we continue our own journey of faith.

**Mass for All Saints' Day** will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 1, at 12:10 PM in Viroqua.**

#### All Souls' Day – November 2

Each year on **All Souls' Day**, the Church invites us to remember and pray for all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. It is a day of reflection, gratitude, and hope in the promise of eternal life.



As members of the **Communion of Saints**, we are united with all believers—those on earth, those being purified, and those already in God's presence. Our prayers for the departed are acts of love that strengthen this sacred bond and bring comfort to our hearts.

As we lift our prayers, let us especially remember those from our parish family who have entered eternal rest this past year: **Bryan Berg** and **Gary Anderson**.

You are invited to remember loved ones who have died during the past year by writing their names in our **Book of Remembrance**, located in the back of the church.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Parish Announcements continued

**The holidays are  
challenging when you're  
grieving a loss.**

### **Surviving the Holidays**

provides encouragement, support, and valuable  
tools to navigate the season.

**Join us for this 2-hour seminar**

What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, (no matter how long they have been gone)! **Surviving the Holidays** provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. Please join us for this special 2-hour event. Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the holiday season.

**Date/Time:** Monday, November 3, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 PM

**Location:** Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665

**Register:** Call 608-637-7711 or email the Annunciation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at [stmaryparish@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryparish@mwt.net) or go to  
[griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays) and click on "Find an Event."

### **World Mission Sunday Thank you!**

Your generous response to the personal message of Pope Leo XIV for [World Mission Sunday—Oct. 19](#) to help him help the missions through your prayers and financial support is much appreciated!

### **Fall Assembly - Nov 8**

#### **Richland Center Deanery Council of Catholic Women**

Sat., Nov 8 at noon, St. Mary of Nativity Parish, 32605 Durst Lane, Keyesville, WI. Join your sisters in Christ with fellowship of a potluck and presentation by Patrick and Stephanie Schwingle. For more info contact Candace McGarth (LDCCW Pres) [candace.ldccw@gmail.com](mailto:candace.ldccw@gmail.com) or call 608-647-0400.

## Diocesan/Community Announcements

### **Listening Sessions**

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures or visit: [www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch](http://www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch).

### **2nd Annual Granny Basketball Exhibition Game – Oct 27**

The La Crosse Doe's (Grannys) challenging some of our favorite priests, the Diocesan Padres. The game will be Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 at Aquinas High School in La Crosse. Doors open at 7 p.m. with all donations at the door supporting the children of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru. Last year, we raised \$4,000... let's beat that with grit, giggles and granny hook shots!

### **Fall Gathering - Nov 1**

Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church (on Hwy 162 toward Stoddard) Join us for a basket raffle, bake sale and FREE lunch of Chili and Baked Potato Bar. From 10 AM to 1:30 PM. Basket drawing at 1 PM. For raffle tickets contact Nancy

## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Larson 608-386-7411 or email [Nlarson@mwt.net](mailto:Nlarson@mwt.net) or the church at [levlc2015@gmail.com](mailto:levlc2015@gmail.com). Need not be present to win.

### **All Souls Day Stations – Nov 2**

Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse at 3:30pm. Come and pray for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

### **40 Days of Life Final Rally - Nov 2**

The 40 Days for Life Final Rally will be on Sunday, November 2, at the Roncalli Newman Basement Hall, from 4- 5 p.m. Prayer, song, and personal testimonies will be followed by a free chili supper. Thanks to all who have made this public witness for a culture of life.

**2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner** supporting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at Blessed Sacrament Church in La Crosse. This annual fundraiser promises to be an inspiring evening of celebration, heartfelt stories and renewed commitment to the mission of the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II. <https://frjoesguild.org/events/>

### **Annual Fall Bazaar - Nov 8**

All are welcome to attend the bazaar at Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church (between CV and Chaseburg) from 11 AM to Noon. Lunch will be served, craft items available and baked goods. Raffle drawing at 11:45 AM.

### **59th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR - Nov 8**

WHEN: Saturday, Nov 8, 2025, 8am-2pm. WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor St. La Crosse. WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10am-Noon. NEW! Kid's Games to win prizes from 9am-1pm. Homemade Beef Stew, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.



**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

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [jrichards@diocclergy.org](mailto:jrichards@diocclergy.org). 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.