

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

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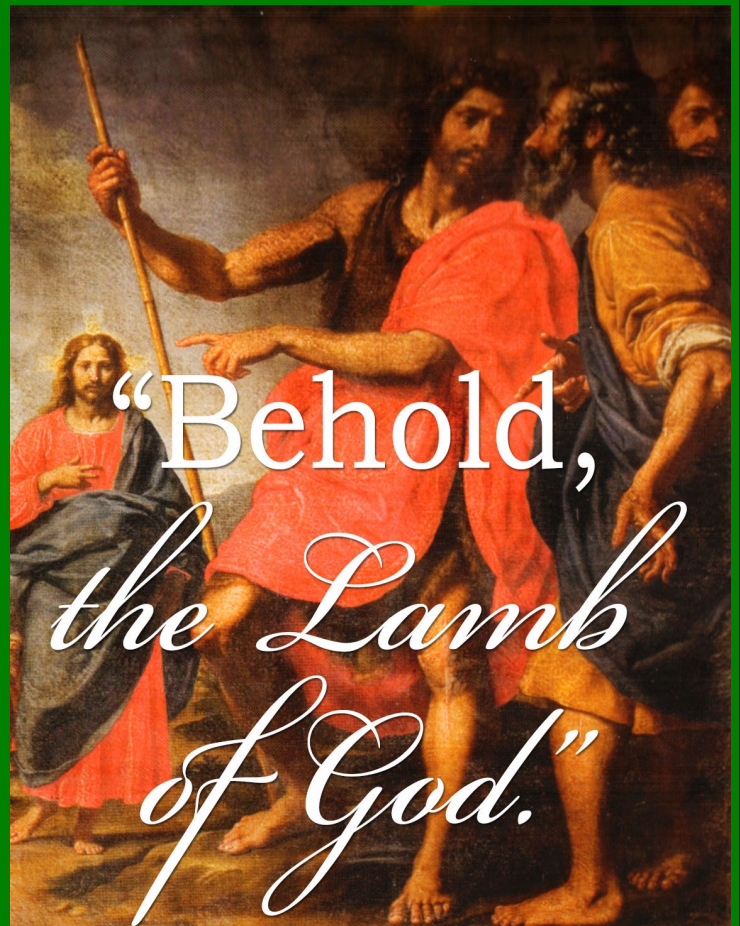
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

Readings: 582B



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

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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

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

Bridget Goodwin.....bladams50@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Bryan Berg, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters
(Secretary), 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: 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 fatherjoerichards@gmail.com 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

January 14, 2024

- 1) 1 Samuel 3:3b; 2) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a;
3) John 1:35-42

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, January 13

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Carol Cade

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti & Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, January 16

-5:15pm - † Edward and Anna Kerska

THURSDAY, January 18

-8:00am - † Carol Cade

SATURDAY, January 20

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland



CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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

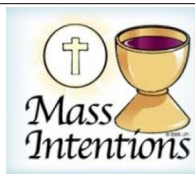
Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 01/04/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$9,140.38	\$7,990.38
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$5,374.62)	(\$6,524.62)
Percent Pledged: 62.97%, Percent Received: 55.05%		
Number Contributing:	21	

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

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Jan 16** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
- **Jan 16** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM (rescheduled)
- **Jan 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after Mass
- **Jan 21** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Theresa Guild
- **Jan 21** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Jan 22** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Feb 04** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Feb 14** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 15** ~ Coffee and fellowship after Mass
- **Feb 18** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Catherine Guild
- **Feb 18** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Mar 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Mar 17** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Mar 23 & 31.

Apr. 13; Jun 1 or 2, 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 30

Open Weekdays: Feb. 1, 13, 15, 29; Mar.

5, 12, 14, 21; Apr. 4, 11, 16, 30;

May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, 30.

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 January 10, 2024

Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00

Payments received: \$35,829.50

THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$2,195.50 Received as of week 1

(\$5,804.50) Under for the Month

Giving Last Week

		12/31/2023	
Adult Env(26)	\$1,755.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$185.00	Received This Week	\$2,195.50
Sol. Of Mary	\$210.00	Running total needed	\$2000.00
Votives	\$45.50	YTD Received	\$2195.50
Total	\$2,195.50	Difference	\$195.5
Food Pantry	\$50.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Let's take a minute to do a seasonal recap. The Church year is off from the calendar year just enough to make things confusing – rather than starting the new liturgical year on January 1, it all starts with the First Sunday of Advent (December 2/3 last month). This is on purpose – as we draw into the literally darkest time of the year, we enter spiritually into that same work of acknowledging darkness in our own lives – of discerning where it is that we need Christ's light to break into the darkness. I hope I effectively communicated that this isn't just work we do by our own power, in our own minds, but rather a cooperative effort with the Holy Spirit – that prayer, "help me to see where I need Your light." This all leads up to the moment of Christ's birth, when his light abruptly breaks into the darkness and shines into our own hearts. For a few weeks we celebrate Christmas until we celebrate his baptism (admittedly as a thirty-year-old, not a thirty-day-old).

Last Tuesday (ironically a snow day and the likely beginning of stick-around-snow) I donned the green vestments of Ordinary Time to celebrate Mass with a small intrepid crowd up in Viroqua. Up until Ash Wednesday (supplanting Valentine's Day this year) we'll stay in this season of slow, steady growth, inviting the work begun in Advent and Christmas to continue opening up and blooming, despite the very snow-buried vegetation on the ground outside. Once Lent starts up, we'll do a similar deep dive into our own hearts, this time focusing on Christ's upcoming Passion and death. A very important thing – Lent is not actually a leadup to Easter, but rather to the Easter Triduum (the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) – one long three-day liturgy taking in the whole of what we refer to as the Paschal Mystery. Much more on that later. Once the Triduum runs its course, we celebrate the even longer-than-Lent Easter Season, encountering Christ in his resurrection, before diving once again into the ordinary movement of the Holy Spirit in Ordinary Time until next (longer) Advent.

As we walk through the liturgical year and enter Ordinary Time, allow me to invite you to keep up the good work you've been doing for the last month and a half. I imagine that'll show up in the homily this weekend.

God bless you, pray well! ~Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

Welcome Fr. Tim Reither

Please warmly welcome Fr. Tim, he is covering the 4 PM Mass this weekend for Fr. Joe who is busy at the Marriage Retreat in Viroqua.

2023 Contribution Statements

Statements are now available for pickup in the back of church, filed in alphabetical order. Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish!

Inspired by the Spirit and Annual Appeal Statements

The Year End 2023 Gifts: The Diocese has closed the 2023 gift calendar year for tax purposes. Tax statements will be mailed during the last week of January.



Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024? If so, please let the parish office know your name and the date by calling 608-452-3841 and leaving a message or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign - Jan 20 to Feb 25

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The campaign will begin the weekend of January 20-21, 2024 and will conclude February 14, 2024.



The bottles/envelopes will be available to take home Saturday January 20, 2024 and Sunday January 21, 2024. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday February 25, 2024. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

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

Healthy Living with Chronic Pain Workshop

Where: Virtually When: Wednesdays, February 7 - March 13, 8:30 to 11:00 Cost: \$30, includes textbook Pre-register by calling (608) 775-6870 or visit gundersenhealth.org/living-well. After registering, you will be sent an email with a link to join the class and a book which you can keep.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

The ANSWER” Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say “Yes!” to this life-changing event that will be held June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. However, you may also want to check with your parish office as there are some parishes that have already begun purchasing group tickets and reserving buses for this event. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information. The registration link is found at the following link or by using your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right. <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



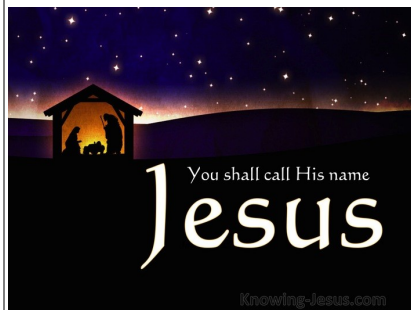
ACS Enrollment

Aquinas Catholic schools welcome you to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, new STEM lab, and over fifty extracurricular activities to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour!

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School opens soon as well: January 8 - Current ACS Families, and January 22 - New Families. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats - Rachel’s Vineyard - Encounter God’s Mercy

Rachel’s Vineyard is a weekend retreat to help anyone who has struggled with the aftermath of abortion to begin healing through a supportive, trauma-sensitive approach. Each weekend is run by a team of trained volunteers (counselor, priest, and lay people), who care deeply for your needs. All interactions with the Rachel’s Vineyard retreat team are completely confidential. These retreats will be offered in the Diocese of Madison on March 15-17, 2024, and Nov. 8-10 2024. For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel



A Minute with Jesus

Jesus’ name means
“God saves”

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called “Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin” (Matthew 1: 21). Jesus saves us from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church’s most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

- Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist.
- This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1: 18-25

Activity Corner

Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."



Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?
It was



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@mw.net