

**PASTOR**

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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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Bulletin deadline: ..... Wednesday noon

E-mail: [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

**COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Vacant

**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**

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.

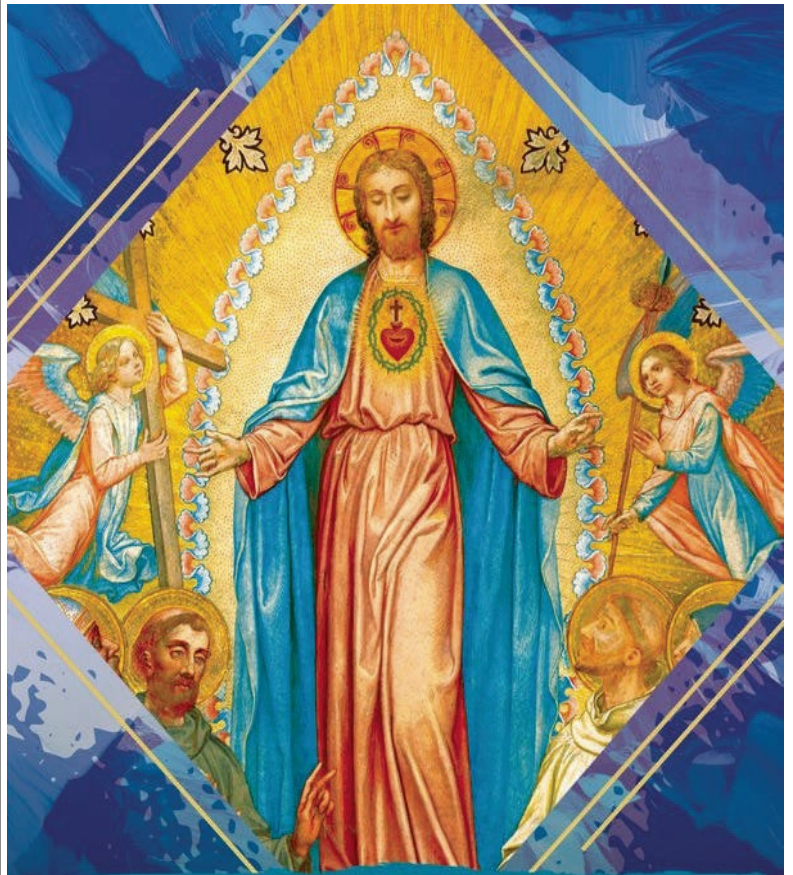
# St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

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

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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE


"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

*Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor*

*November 26, 2023*

*Readings: 677A*

**St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI**  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



**Sunday Readings**  
 November 26, 2023

1) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 2) 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; 3) Matthew 25:31-46

**Intentions**

Nov 25 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Nov 26~ 8:00 AM - † Ed Gorman
Nov 28 ~ 5:15 PM - † David Holte
Nov 30 ~ 8:00 AM - † Edwin and Anna Sedevic
Dec 02 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Dec 03~ 8:00 AM - † Virginia Nerison

**MASS Intentions**


**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jan. 28; Feb. 3, 10, 17; Mar. 2 or 3, 9, 16 or 17, 23, 24, 31.  
**Open Weekdays:** Jan. 11, 16, 23, 25, 30; Feb. 1, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29; Mar. all Tues and Thurs open.

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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.


**Next Week in Service — Dec 02 / 03**

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> – Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	<b>Sat.</b> – Volunteers <b>Sun.</b> – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



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





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

<b>WE ARE THE DIOCESE</b> DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023-2024 	Annual Appeal 2023-24		
	As of 11/25/23	Total Pledged	Total Payments
	Pledged/Paid	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00
	Target Amount	<u>\$14,515.00</u>	<u>\$14,515.00</u>
	Under Target	<b>(\$13,495.00)</b>	<b>(\$13,495.00)</b>

**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**


- Dec 01** ~ Crafter Setup at the CV Village Hall, bake sale goods drop off, 6:00-8:00 PM
- Dec 02** ~ **PCCW Annual Craft Show** at the CV Village Hall, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Dec 2/3** ~ CPR/Defibrillator Training after Mass
- Dec 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- Dec 07** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—**Holy Day Mass at 5:15 PM**, NO 8 AM Mass on this day
- Dec 08** ~ (**In Viroqua**) Holy Day Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8 AM & 12:10 PM
- Dec 9/10** ~ Retirement Fund For Religious Weekend
- Dec 17** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- Dec 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass
- Dec 24** ~ **Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM**
- Dec 25** ~ **Christmas Day Mass 8:00 AM** 
- Jan 07** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.

**Fr. Joe's Office Hours:**  
**Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time) and 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.



**Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**  
 5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
 As of November 17, 2023  
**Pledges received (30): \$107,720.00**  
 Payments received: \$32,667.50  
**WE HAVE EXCEEDED THE GOAL!**  
**THANK YOU!**



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,287.50	Received as of week 3
<b>(\$2,712.50)</b>	<b>Short for the Month</b>

Giving Last Week		11/19/23	
Adult Env(25)	\$910.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$304.00	Received This Week	\$1,384.00
Memorial	\$20.00	Running total needed	\$94,000.00
Tree Fund	<u>\$150.00</u>	YTD Received	\$84,673.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,384.00</b>	Difference	(9,326.13)



## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

If you happened to attend the 10:30 Mass last weekend, you witnessed an anomaly to our normal weekend liturgy – a convalidation, which is the Catholic word for the sacramental marriage of an existing civil union. You all know my nondominating preference for celebrating moments like this at one of our scheduled weekend Masses. For one thing, it provides an excellent example for folks that might not know what they're missing – a hopeful spark. For another, it draws out the communal nature of sacraments – that is, the way they draw us more deeply into something bigger than ourselves. Baptism isn't just for the child being baptized or the family that's coming together for it, just like a child receiving First Communion or a high schooler being Confirmed isn't about that person in that moment. It's about the Body of Christ (that is, the Church) being built up by a new member and welcoming and supporting this disciple in their relationship with the Lord and His Church. Even Confession, the most confidential sacrament and human experience there is, isn't limited to the penitent's personal sins being forgiven (there's no such thing as a sin that just affects me or "doesn't hurt anyone") – it's about restoring them to harmony and "right relationship" (a deceptively inconspicuous, remarkably significant concept in Scripture) with God, the people, and within themselves.

If you were at that Mass and convalidation last weekend, you also heard me speaking at length about "vocation." When we talk about "vocation" we're talking about "calling" – that is, what God is calling each Christian soul to. Generally we refer to four distinct vocations: marriage, holy orders (deacon, priest, bishop), religious life (monk, nun, sister, etc.), and consecrated single life. It's worth pushing even a little further into vocation, because it's bigger than these four. The Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* (excellent reading on the Church as the light of the world, if you can slow yourself down to it) refers to the "Universal Call to Holiness" – that distinct movement of the Holy Spirit in each person's heart to draw us out of ourselves to live for "the other." This is all to say that each Christian soul – each and every one of us – is called before anything else to sainthood – to starting while we're in this world the life we'll hopefully live in the next one. You don't have to be a Saint yet (that is, a big leaguer like St. Peter or St. Mother Teresa), but the door is open for each one of us to do the daily work of letting the Holy Spirit move in our lives.

One last plug for Advent next weekend – it's an excellent season to identify where the Lord is calling me and you to unique holiness in our particular lives, where we're responding well, and where we have room to grow. So be a saint.



God bless you!

~ Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

### St. Mary's Craft Show is Next Saturday — December 2, 2023

#### *Volunteers on the big day!*

Guild chairpersons will be contacting members to schedule a time they can help out with the craft fair.

#### *Calling All BAKERS!*

Let your talents shine and create \$15 of baked goods for our bake sale or donate \$15 cash. Customers are usually looking for Christmas cookies or specialty items at this bake sale. **Please drop off your baked goods during Friday night setup or Saturday morning from 7:30-8:00 AM.**

#### *BBQ Needed*

We need 4 people to bring 3lbs of BBQ each and 4 people to bring 2 pans of bars each. If you bring either of these you don't have to bring baked goods for the bake sale table.

#### *Advertising*

Extra flyers are in the back of church, please help advertise by posting at your place of employment or on a community bulletin board. Also, **share it on Facebook!** Thank you!

#### *Quilt Raffle*

We ask you sell a minimum number of tickets each year. **Please return your ticket stubs and money to the parish this weekend (November 26th) by dropping in the collection basket** in an envelope clearly marked "Quilt Raffle" or the day of the Craft Show by noon.

#### *Craft Tables Still Available*

Have you reserved your craft table for St. Mary's Craft Fair? Time is running out. Please reserve your table now by going online at: [www.stmarycv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034.

*Craft Fair assignments* have been made and are as follows:

- Setup - St. Theresa
- Kitchen - St. Rose
- Bake sale/quilt raffle - St. Cecelia
- Clean-up - St. Catherine.

#### **CPR/Defibrillator Training - Dec 2/3**

Ann Gilbertson will give a CPR / Defibrillator training on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd right after Mass. This can be a new class for you or just a review. Hope you attend!

#### **Reflections for Advent Booklet and Materials**

*Advent Gospel Reflections by Word on Fire* booklets and other Advent materials are available in the back of church. Feel free to take home whatever speaks to you.



*With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized!*

**Onyx Mae Ritter**  
and  
**Lyve See Yang**

*Children of Long Yang and Stephanie Ritter*

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

**St. Nicholas Event - December 3, 2023 1:00 pm.** Come to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Holy Mass and stay to meet Saint Nicholas! Hear him tell the story of his life, sainthood, and how he became "Santa Claus." Join for cookies, hot chocolate, and picture opportunities. Visit: [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](https://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)

### Candle Light Mass - December 9

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites all to celebrate the candlelit, Rorate Caeli Mass this December 9, 2023. The Mass will be begin at 6:30am. Learn more at: [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](https://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)

### Cookie Walk and Craft Sale - December 9

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 9, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade candies, breads, pies, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving continental breakfast and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Hourly Door Prizes.

### Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12th

Nearly 500 years ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. All are invited to celebrate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. The day includes a Bilingual Mass offered by Cardinal Burke. Learn more at <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events/solemnity-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe>

### Please Support Project Milk

Help the Diocesan Rural Life Committee spread hope and joy by contributing to Project Milk. Founded in 1984 to help feed the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru, Project Milk provides whole milk powder to the orphanage and the surrounding community. Each year the Rural Life Committee seeks to raise enough money to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder at an approximate cost of \$80,000. One hundred percent of your monetary gift is used to feed these children and the poor. To give, visit <https://frjoesguild.org/donate/>, and select "Project Milk" as designation.

**Amen App** The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. Register from the Augustine Institute by clicking here: [www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen](http://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen)

### "The Answer" Eucharistic Rally ~ June 7 The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI

We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the 6 days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession Across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale December 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>.

## Activity Corner

### Feast of Christ the King November 26th, 2023



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Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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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@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)



# St. Mary's Craft Show

December 2, 2023

8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Coon Valley Village Hall

108 Roosevelt St.

Coon Valley, Wisconsin



- A Seasonal Tradition for 22 years
- Crafts and Baked Goods of all kinds
- Lunch Counter Opens at 8:00 a.m.
- Free Admission

More info contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 and/or e-mail

[Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net) or St. Mary's at 608-452-3841 or

visit [stmarycv.org](http://stmarycv.org) and click on "Craft Show" Tab

Tables available for crafters \$30 before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, \$35 after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>,  
tables provided