

PASTOR

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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

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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

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.

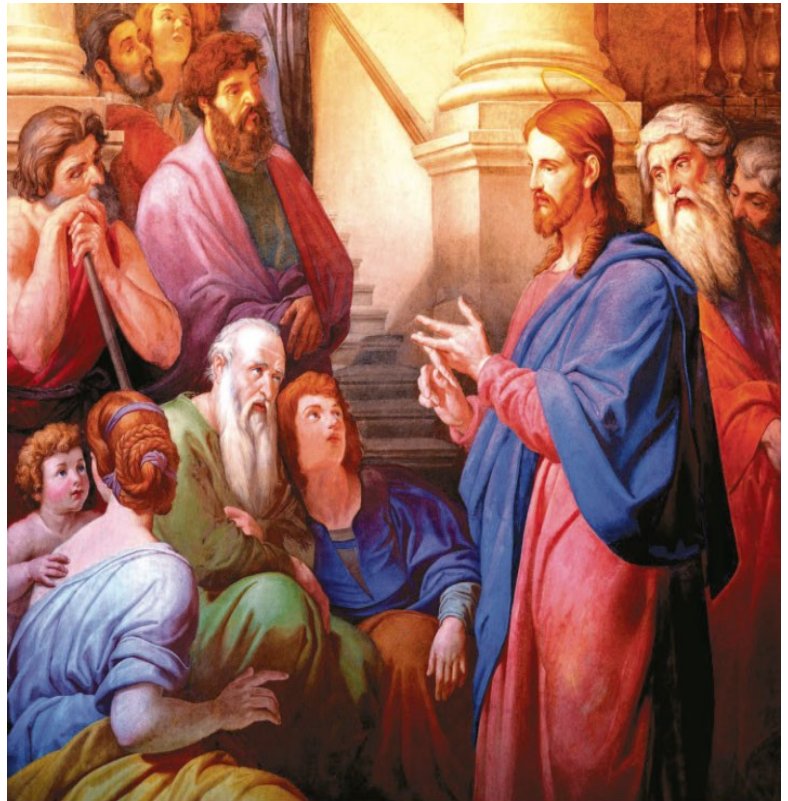
St. Mary's Parish

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Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

November 05, 2023

Readings: 668A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

November 5, 2023

1) *Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10;*
 2) *1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13;* 3) *Matthew 23:1-12*

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Nov 05** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Nov 07** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM
- **Nov 10** ~ RE MOVIE NIGHT 6 PM in Coon Valley
- **Nov 11/12** ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal kickoff weekend
- **Nov 13** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Nov 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Nov 19** ~ Social/Brunch after 8:00 AM Mass, sponsored by St. Cecelia Guild of the PCCW
- **Nov 23** ~ Thanksgiving Day
- **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 08** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day
- **Dec 17** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley

Intentions
Nov 4 ~ 4:00 PM - Our Parish Family
Nov 5 ~ 8:00 AM - † Olaf Haugen and Lucas Seelow
Nov 7 ~ 5:15 PM - † Ronald Hammes
Nov 9 ~ 8:00 AM - † Verdel, Sara, and David Holte
Nov 11 ~ 4:00 PM - † Woody Roningen
Nov 12 ~ 8:00 AM - † Jim and Betty Callan

MASS Intentions

All 2023 Mass Intention Dates are FULL!

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at 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.

Next Week in Service — Nov 11/12

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

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 (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).

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 5, 2023

Pledges received (30): \$107,720.00

Payments received: \$29,130.00

WE HAVE EXCEEDED THE GOAL!

Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$9,080.00	Received as of week 5
(\$920.00)	Short for the Month

Giving Last Week		10/29/23	
Adult Env(30)	\$1120.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	170.00	Received This Week	\$1,318.00
PC Breakfast(1)	25.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$88,000.00
Youth Env	3.00	YTD Received	\$79,386.37
Total	\$1,315.00	Difference	(8,613.63)
Mission Sun (6)	\$96.00		



From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Let me call your attention to two Big Things coming up shortly: number one, the Annual Appeal, number two, Advent. We'll keep things simple and start with number one.

Big Thing One: The Diocesan Annual Appeal. Throughout the course of the Capital Campaign I mentioned that the 2022-2023 Annual Appeal was wrapped into our campaign target (a 15% share), while the 2023-24 Annual Appeal (and future appeals) would be returning in the Fall. It's now Fall. Next weekend I will share more details about this year's appeal and our own target. In the meantime, here are a few pieces of FYI to clear things up a bit. As a parish we contribute to the Diocese in two primary ways – first, with a quarterly quota on our own collections that supports the Diocese's operating expenses, and second with this Annual Appeal to support mission-driven initiatives like the Vocations Office, Catholic Relief Services, and the Mission Office. The short version is that the Annual Appeal occurs specifically to cut down on the number of second collections we take throughout the year, wrapping them instead into one big drive every year. One important note that is different from the Capital Campaign is that we are required to meet the Appeal's target either by parishioner contributions or out of the parish's books. Again, more on that next weekend.

Big Thing Two: Advent. As Benjamin Franklin may have once said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." Just like Lent, Advent is an excellent time-bound season to take a hard look at your relationship with the Lord and with his Church. Whereas Lent is a preparation for Holy Thursday and Good Friday (the Resurrection comes right after on Easter) and a deep meditation on why Jesus dies for us, Advent is a preparation for the Son's Light to break into our darkness. It's a four-week season (or this year, three weeks and one day) to consider those places of darkness in my own life that I need Christ's light to break into. As you get closer and closer to Advent, take some time to plan out how you can enter into that question and the work of the season. I like framing both of these penitential seasons with the themes prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – how can I build up my own prayer (daily Mass, waking up twenty minutes before the kids to pray with the next weekend's readings, adoration, etc.), what good thing can I give up (the snooze button, alcohol, meat and/or an extra meal on Wednesdays and Fridays, etc.), and how can I give to the point of uncomfortability (financial contributions, extra time given to local charities, etc.). Don't try to do everything, but do pick out one specific thing from each category to set aside Advent as something bigger and more important than the reliably over-busy "Holiday Season." Make a plan ahead of time so you don't have to scramble for one on December 3.

God bless you all, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

MOVIE NIGHT - Nov 10

If you plan on attending Movie Night please RSVP to Bridget Goodwin by email at: bladams50@gmail.com Doors open at 6 PM with movie starting at 6:30 PM. We will have pizza and popcorn. Movie is open to anyone who would like to attend, please just let Bridget know so we enough food/snacks for everyone!

PCCW Announcements

Craft Show Flyers

Flyers are included in today's bulletin, please help advertise by posting at your place of employment or on a community bulletin board. Thank you!

Quilt Raffle

PCCW members who haven't picked up their quilt raffle tickets will find them in the back of the church. All ladies of the parish are asked to sell a minimum number of tickets each year. Please return your tickets to the parish by November 26th or the day of the Craft Show by noon.

Craft Tables Still Available for Dec. 2nd

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 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

More information will be made available after the November next meeting.

Upcoming Meeting – Nov 13

The next PCCW meeting will be Monday, November 13 at 5:30PM where we will be finalizing the craft fair.

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!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

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.

Scout Religious Emblem

Any Cub or Boy Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and not able to do so in your scout unit please contact Cindy Sjolabder at catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com

Donate to Help the Victims of Violence in the Holy Land

Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit www.crs.org

Diocesan/Local Announcements

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 Nov. 10-12, 2023, March 15-17, 2024, and Nov. 8-10 2024. For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel or scan the QR code on the right.

"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/>.

Amen App The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. You are welcome to register for this app from the Augustine Institute by clicking here: www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen

Pilgrimage for Life - January 17-21, 2024

We are excited to offer the Pilgrimage for Life. We will be traveling by coach bus to Washington, DC to participate in the annual March for Life. This opportunity is for anyone ages 13 and up. The estimated cost is estimated to be \$400 per person. Parishes/Schools wishing to get a group to join us will have their participants complete the registration online by filling out all of the required forms and pay a non refundable deposit of \$100. The remainder of the fee will be paid to the parish/school. All information and registration link can be found at <https://diolc.org/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

"Hope's Door" Pregnancy and Family Resource Center

Hope's Door is being planned as a state-of-the-art pregnancy resource center for the La Crosse area. It will be an interfaith, Christ-centered facility that will offer compassionate assistance to women and families, including mentoring and classes, as well as medical resources like ultrasounds and abortion pill reversal treatment. Its services will be in harmony with Catholic teaching. For more information visit www.diolc.org/respect-life.

42nd Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Donations needed can be in the form of food (canned green beans, punch, cans of cranberry sauce), money, and/or as volunteers. More information available at: <https://laxthanksgivingdinner.com/>



Activity Corner

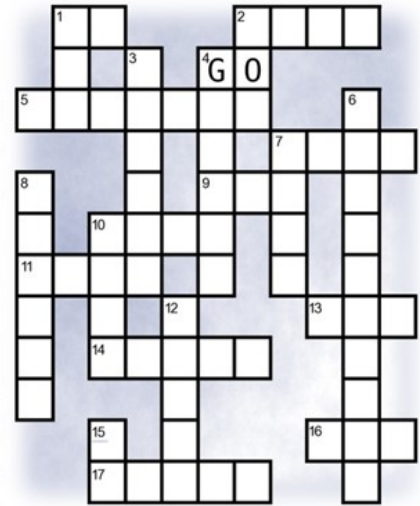
St. Paul's Letter

Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's reading from the letter to the Thessalonians and then fill in the puzzle.

A=Across
D=Down

PROCLAIMED
IN BELOVED
TO MOTHER
GOD GOSPEL
THE GENTLE
TOO HUMAN
TOIL AMONG
DAY NIGHT
HER WORK
GIVE WORD
WITH WELL



Brothers and sisters: We were _____ (4D) _____ (12D) you, as a nursing _____ (8D) cares for you _____ (16A) children. _____ (10D) such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only _____ (1D) gospel of God, but our very selves as _____ (10A), so dearly _____ (5A) had you become _____ (1A) us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our _____ (11A) and drudgery. Working _____ (17A) and _____ (13A) in order not to burden any of you, we _____ (6D) to you the _____ (3D) of God.

And for this reason we _____ (9A) _____ (2A) thanks to _____ (2D) unceasingly, that, in receiving the _____ (7D) of God from hearing us, you received not a _____ (14A) word, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at _____ (7A) _____ (15D) you who believe.



Don't forget to turn back your clocks **this weekend!**

Daylight Saving Time ends on
November 5th!



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



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 or St. Mary's at 608-452-3841 or
visit stmarycv.org and click on "Craft Show" Tab
Tables available for crafters \$30 before Nov. 1st, \$35 after Nov. 1st,
tables provided