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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....8:00am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm  
Thursday.....8:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Upon request

## PARISH OFFICE

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## COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Niki Haugh

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan  
Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,  
Mike Kammel, Jim Prindle and Steve Schulte.  
(2 appointed vacancies)

## PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters  
(Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

## ORANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris  
Carskadon.

## Fr. Matt also serving at:

### Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM  
Sunday .....10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish! Please  
introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office  
for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Call or email Fr. Matt. You  
can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by  
mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND  
[mmarshall@diolclergy.org](mailto:mmarshall@diolclergy.org). You will be contacted by the  
parish office to finalize your requested date. The  
registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please  
contact the parish office or Fr. Matt 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. <https://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)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."  
- Lk 4:18a*



**Sunday of the Word of God** is a day to be devoted to the  
celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis  
impresses on us that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a  
community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we  
are as Christians.

## Fr. Matthew Marshall

*Pastor*

**January 23, 2021**

*Readings: 586C*

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

## The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

- 1) Nehemiah 8:2-4a,  
5-6, 8-10
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
or 12:12-14, 27
- 3) Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**FOCUS:** The law of the Lord delights the human heart and guides the steps of our lives.

Today's Gospel opens with the words and intentions of Luke the Evangelist. He has decided to write a Gospel – a *narrative of the events* regarding Jesus Christ that will draw from the memories of those who witnessed his life, death, and resurrection, and who have handed on his teachings to future generations. We cling to that Gospel message, which reminds us of God's mercy and challenges us to live in Christ.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Nehemiah, Ezra, and others instruct the people to rejoice and not be sad, for their God has made the day holy. Saint Paul instructs the Corinthians, using the image of the body to describe the Church and explaining that each person has a role in it. In the Gospel, Jesus reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth and proclaims, *Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*

Sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Remember to shop for deals at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



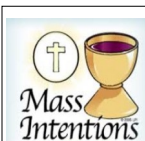
### Next Week in Service — Jan 29/30

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

Reader:	<b>Saturday</b> – Jeana LeJeune <b>Sunday</b> – Volunteer
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg

### Intentions

Jan 22 ~ 4:00 PM - †Linda Jeffers
Jan 23 ~ 8:00 AM - †Allen and Mercedes Christen
Jan 25 ~ 6:30 PM - NO MASS
Jan 27 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS
Jan 29 ~ 4:00 PM - †Albert and Stella Hohlfeld
Jan 30 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ken and Irene Roesler



If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

**Sunday** openings starting March 6, 2022.  
**Saturday** openings beginning Aug. 13, 2022.  
**Weekday** openings as of February 1, 2022.

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmarysev@mwt.net](mailto:stmarysev@mwt.net) or call on a Tues. or Wed.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **January 23** ~ Religious Education Class following Mass
- **January 24-28** ~ Fr. Matt on PTO-NO weekday Masses
- **January 30** ~ Religious Education Class following Mass

### Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook:

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

**Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)

### 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.

### Donations:

- Here are some ways to support your parish:
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
  - *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
  - Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](https://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).
  - *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

### Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 1/20/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$5,945.00	\$5,085.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,020.00</u>	<u>\$14,020.00</u>
<b>Under Target</b>	(\$8,075.00)	(\$8,935.00)
Percent Pledged: 42.5%, Percent Received: 36.27%		
Number Contributing:	24	

Give online at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/> be sure and choose "2021 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley"

### Giving Last Week

		Week 03	1/16/2022
Adult Env.(40)	\$2610.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$114.00	Received This Week	\$2,754.00
Sol. of Mary	\$30.00	Running total needed	\$6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2754.00</u></b>	YTD Received	\$4,170.00
		Difference	(1,830.00)

## From Fr. Matt:

~ I will be taking some **personal time off** from Monday, January 24 through Friday, January 28, 2022.

~ On January 22nd if you attended the First Free Church in Onalaska **Beacon Conference, a retreat for those who are grieving a miscarriage, infertility, or loss of a child.** St. Mary's is happy to cover the cost of the retreat if you contact our parish office.

~ **GriefShare** is a grief recovery seminar and support group being offered at Viroqua Church of Christ every Sunday from January 30 - May 1. The group will be facilitated by Betty Nigh and Nancy Bongers. The cost of the workbook is \$15, but St. Mary's is happy to cover the cost if you contact our parish office. Please register by contacting Viroqua Church of Christ, **(608)637-3549** or **[nbongers48@gmail.com](mailto:nbongers48@gmail.com)**. Please keep the GriefShare group in your prayers.

### "Note from Body to Soul" by David Wagoner

Each word a rock  
the size of a fist--  
I throw them one by one  
at the dark window.

## Religious Education

**Classes are underway for grades 1-10!**

**NO PreK/Kindergarten Classes moving forward!**



*If you haven't registered your child(ren) you must do so immediately.* We had several unregistered students the first week and were not prepared. Forms are in the back of church or go online at: [www.stmarycv.org/religious-education](http://www.stmarycv.org/religious-education).

Download, fill out, and return to the parish promptly.

### **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@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.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@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)

## Parish Announcements

### **Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Starts this Weekend**

*How does the Campaign work?* This annual fundraiser is much like the Lenten Rice Bowls, but with Baby Bottles. Take a bottle home with you and drop your spare change in it over the next few weeks then return it to the church on or before March 6th. Each bottle has an insert with more information about the program. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be. <https://birthright.org/lacrosse>



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.

### **2021 Contribution Statements**

All registered families who donated during 2021 will find their contribution statement in the back of church this weekend. Please pick up yours today to help save on the mailing expense. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement please email: [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or call the parish office. Non-registered or visiting contributor statements will be mailed. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal Contribution Statements**

If you donated to the Annual Appeal your statement is separate from the parish contributions and statements will be mailed directly from the Diocese.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### **Catholic Schools Week (Jan 30-Feb 5)**

*What is National Catholic Schools Week?*

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is January 30 – February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Check out the Video Greeting from Bishop Callahan Catholic Schools Week <https://youtu.be/tNOkXcWftg8> Please take time to celebrate with the Catholic School students and their families in our diocese and pray for the continued success of our Catholic Schools.

### **January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.**

Human trafficking can be described as a form of modern slavery, where victims, either male or female are forced into commercial sex and/or labor. Victims come from any socioeconomic group, race, culture, religion, ethnic background or age. Nobody appears to be immune or safe. However, this is an issue that many Americans are unaware of. There are 25 different types of trafficking within the United States. Many are targeted online. They are groomed and coerced. If you think you have information about a trafficking situation, report immediately. Anti-Trafficking Hotline Advocates are available 24/7 to take a report. The hotline number is 888-373-7888

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## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

### Navigating Together: A Grief Retreat (in-person)

**JANUARY 29:** Spend a day in community with others who are experiencing grief. Through discussion, reflection and creative expression, we'll explore new paths for healing. *Scholarships and discounts are available.* [https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::P0\\_EMBED,PROGRAM\\_ID:0,5960](https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:2:::P0_EMBED,PROGRAM_ID:0,5960)

## This Weeks Readings by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

**Mon. 24 January** *St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor*  
*2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10* This is a key reading for two reasons. David is "elected" as king and secondly he make Jerusalem his capital.

*Mark 3:22-30* It can still shock that some of Jesus contemporaries proposed he was doing the work of the evil one. The thinking may have been like this: he is doing powerful deeds, but we do not believe he comes from God. Therefore...!

### Tuesday 25 January *The Conversion of St Paul*

*Acts 22:3-16* The conversion of St Paul had huge consequences for early Christianity. He was a man of terrific energy and physical courage, inspired by a deep desire to do God's will. His encounter with Jesus placed his great gifts of intellect and spirit at the service of the Christian movement, to its lasting enrichment up to today. He himself tells of his conversion in his own words in Galatians 1.

*Mark 16:15-18* Our reading today is chosen for the very first words which capture something of the ministry of Paul, who went out to the whole known world of his time, that is, the Roman Empire, especially around the eastern Mediterranean.

### Wednesday 26 January *Sts Timothy and Titus*

*2 Timothy 1:1-8* The tone of encouragement is always needed and today, more than ever, we need the reminder to fan into a flame the gift of God.

*Mark 4:1-20* This long reading can be tricky. The original parable is given first, a parable from the lips of Jesus. The later explanation of the parable comes from church tradition, a kind of allegorical reading. The allegory narrows the original meaning of the parable. In between, the question of the disciples is difficult. It seems to be answering a later issue: how was that that most of Jesus' fellow Jews did not recognize him as the Messiah?

### Thursday 27 January *St Angela Merici, virgin*

*2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29* The full context of this reading is interesting. David proposed building a temple, a house for God. Speaking through Nathan the prophet, God said, no, but that God would build him a house, a dynasty. The bit we get to hear today is the pious part!! Christians see in Jesus, the Son of David, the fulfilment of God's promise to be faithful to the house of David.

*Mark 4:21-25* It may help to recall that in those days a lamp was a naked flame. Putting it under a bed would not be advisable at all! The enigmatic second saying is presented as a shocking contrast. It should read, "from the one who thinks he has (but really does not), even what he thinks he has will be taken away. It is a stern wake-up call.

### Fri. 28 Jan. *St Thomas Aquinas, religious and theologian*

*2 Samuel 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17* This is a horrible and

## This Weeks Readings (continued)

fascinating story. The opening lines set up the tension. It begins with, at the turn of the year when kings to campaigning and we expect to hear, "David went to war", but on the contrary the wretch was at home committing adultery. To cover his tracks, David acted really, really badly, as we hear.

*Mark 4:26-34* A further few seed parables illuminate the Gospel. The parable of the farmer asleep is especially encouraging: just let things grow. Cf. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. (1Corinthians 3:6))

### Saturday 29 January

*2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17* Because of David's adultery with the wife of Uriah and his subsequent murder, the prophet Nathan is sent by God to accuse David of his sins. The prophet begins by tricking the king into righteous anger and then very cleverly catching him out. The electric words are "You are the man." David wasn't the first or last person in the world to have been a hypocrite or to have acted inconsistently.

*Mark 4:35-41* Already at the hands of Mark, the calming of the storm is to be read symbolically. The later church, under tremendous pressure during the Jewish War, questions the presence and even the concern of Jesus. The final question is one we need to ask again and again.

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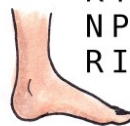
### 'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND



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 RTEACHERSIDI  
 NPROPHETSNCH  
 RISMELLSTGOD



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 that are written  
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 Use the left  
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SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

Answer: We are one body in Christ.