

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

September 14, 2025 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Reading 763C

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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

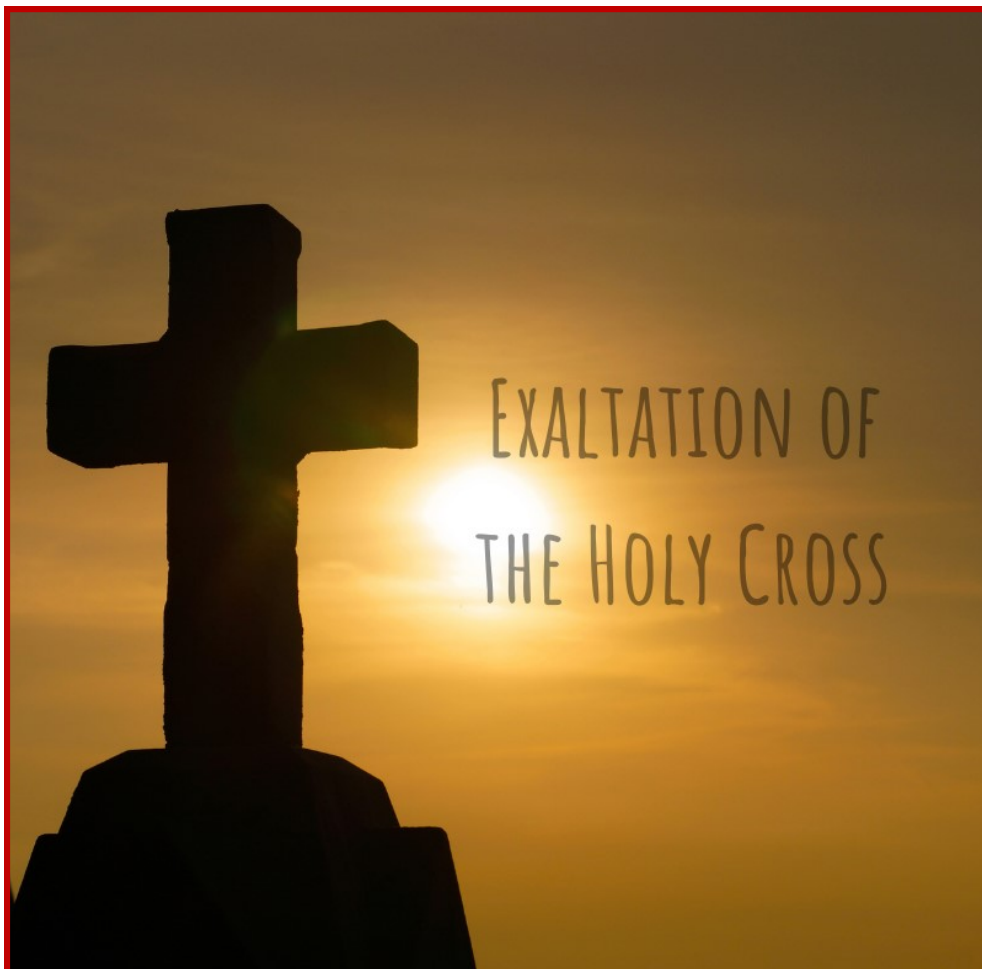
Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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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:

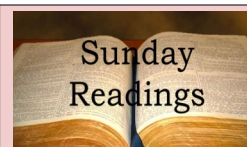
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



September 14, 2025
 1) Numbers 21: 4b-9
 2) Philippians 2:6-11
 3) John 3:13-17

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 13

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 4:00pm Mass - † Gavin Williams
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:00am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, September 16

SS. Cornelius and Cyprian

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - † Edwin and Anna Sedevie

THURSDAY, September 18

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - † Fr. Edmund Doerre

SATURDAY, September 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - † Rose Marie Lejeune
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, September 21

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

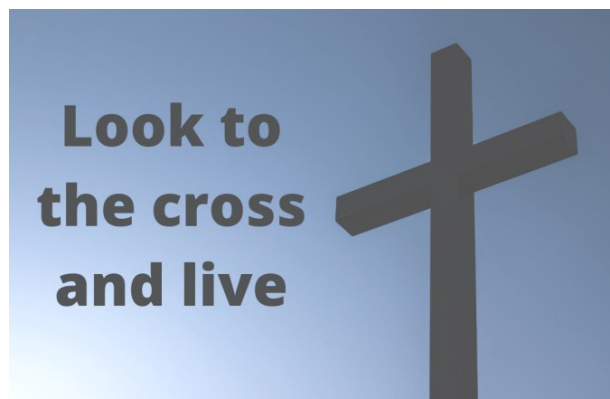
- 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rod and Kathy Berg



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sep 14** ~ Religious Education Registration in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass
- **Sep 15** ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- **Sep 16** ~ Finance Council Meeting 5:45 PM
- **Sep 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship following 8 AM Mass
- **Sep 20-Oct 2** ~ Amy on PTO, for admin needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **Sep 21** ~ Religious Education Registration (second opportunity) after 8 AM Mass here in Coon Valley
- **Oct 12** ~ Our *Annual Pancake Breakfast* 7:30 AM until food is gone or noon (whichever comes first)



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Sep 28. Oct 5, 12, & 19. Nov 16 & 23. Dec 7, 13, 14, 27, & 28.

Open Weekdays: Oct 2, 9, 21, 23 & 28. 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 or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,631.00	Received as of week 1
(\$6,369.00)	Difference for the Month



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of September 5, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$63,866.50
THANK YOU!

DID YOU KNOW?

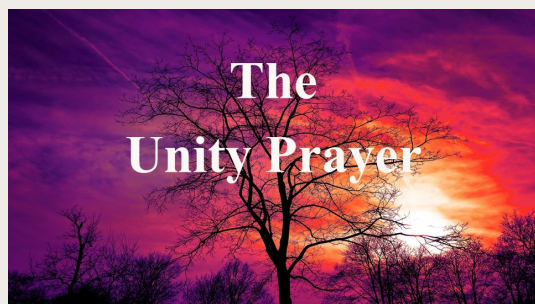
If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** of up to \$100,000 a year from your **IRA directly to a charity**. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more 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.

Giving Last Week		9/7/2025	
Adult Env (26)	\$1,415.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	216.00	Received This Week	\$1,631.00
Total	\$1,631.00	Running total needed	\$72,000.00
		YTD Received	\$67,887.06
		Difference	(4,112.94)

From the Pastor

Friends,

This week I want to share a simple prayer that my spiritual director recently shared with me – the “Unity Prayer” from Elizabeth Kindelmann’s Flame of Love. Notice the wording in here – a series of personal elements (feet, hands, hearts, souls, thoughts, ears, glances, and lips) and dispositions (those of togetherness, unity, unison, harmony, and hope for mercy) – yet all are rooted in the primary naming “My adorable Jesus,” and request for Him to lead. Importantly, this is the difference between an encouraging or sentimental aphorism (also good, but different) and a prayer – the former is directed to self, the latter is directed to the Lord. This is an important reminder that the work of Christian living is before anything I do Christ’s own work in me and you. Anyway, it is a beautiful prayer and I’ll let it speak for itself.



The Unity Prayer

My adorable Jesus,

May our feet journey together;

May our hands gather in unity;

May our hearts beat in unison;

May our souls be in harmony;

May our thoughts be as one;

May our ears listen to the silence together;

May our glances profoundly penetrate each other;

May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the eternal Father, amen.

In our nation and parishes we need the Holy Spirit’s healing and restoration and unity. By my director’s instruction I am preparing for a novena of novenas (that is, praying this prayer three times in morning, afternoon, and evening, nine days in a row) starting this Monday (September 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows) and ending next Tuesday (September 23, the feast of St. Pio, a powerful advocate for spiritual liberation and restoration). I invite you to join me.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast - October 13

Save the Date and Donate. As in past years, we are requesting at least a \$20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Envelopes are in the back of the church in alphabetical order for each registered family. Thank you in advance for your support.



Religious Education Registration - Sep 14 or 21

It's almost time to register for our upcoming Religious Education year. We are excited to offer several formation opportunities and sacramental preparation for the upcoming year. Religious education is a vital part of our children's faith journey, and we encourage all families to participate. ***All parents and students from Kindergarten through 10th grade should attend.*** We have made it easy to register with two convenient dates:

- **Sunday, September 14th:** After the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Sunday, September 21st:** After the 8:00 AM Mass in Coon Valley

The List of Programs offered this year include:

- ♦ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd(CGS) Atrium I Ages 3-6
- ♦ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd(CGS) Atrium II Ages 6-9
- ♦ Blessed First Reconciliation Gr 2-5
- ♦ Blessed First Communion Gr 2-5
- ♦ Family of Faith (FoF) K-Gr 9
- ♦ Encounter: Bible Timeline Gr 6-8
- ♦ Decision Point Gr 9
- ♦ Confirmation Preparation Gr 10-12
- ♦ Bible Study for Sunday Gospel Preparation Gr 11+
- ♦ Little Rock Bible Study (6 & 3 session options) Gr 11+
- ♦ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Adult
- ♦ Contemplative Reading Group Adult



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pat Obernberger at stmaryformation@mwat.net

Listening Sessions

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session at a location near you. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures in the back of the church for more information, along with the website where you can sign up: www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch



Camp Gray Retreats: Link to register - <https://campgray.com/weekend-retreats/> \$35/attendee with Check In: Friday @ 7:00 PM and Check Out: Sunday @ 2:00 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT OCTOBER 10-12, 2025 with Registration Deadline: October 3, 2025
HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025 with

Parish Announcements continued

Registration Deadline: November 7, 2025

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT MARCH 13-15, 2026 with
Registration Deadline: March 6, 2026

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT APRIL 24-26, 2026 with
Registration Deadline: April 17, 2026

Location: E10213 Shady Lane Road in Reedsburg, WI 53959 Interested families please contact Pat Obernberger, stmaryformation@mwat.net, for more information or to inform her if you register.

LDCCW Shareshop - Sep 20

It's time to register for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Shareshop to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. It will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a free event, but we need everyone to register with the President Elect, Kay Kesler, at kay@pmcmgmt.com, so they know how many people to expect for lunch. Please register by September 13. Send your name and tell them you're from the Richland Center Deanery.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Walking with Women Praying with Scripture - Sep 18

First gathering Thursday, September 18 at 6 PM St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral (St. Joseph Hall). Come and share your faith and journey toward a deeper love of Christ through Lectio Divina! Contact: walkling9praying8@gmail.com. Text/Call: 608-518-7655. Meeting dates: Sep 18, Oct 9 (potluck), Oct 30, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 29, Feb 19, Mar 12, Apr 9, and Apr 30 (potluck).

Chaseburg Community Blood Drive - Sep 19

American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, September 19, from 9 AM to 1:00 PM at the Chaseburg Community Village Hall, 400 Depot Street. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "soleburner" to schedule an appointment.

Rural Life Day - Sept. 22, 2025 - Warrens, WI

Join us for the 44th Annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, Sept. 22! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00 AM will be followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops, and machinery, and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.

40 Days of Life - Sep 24 to Nov 2

Opening Rally with Ramona Trevino. 12:00 Noon on Thursday, Sept 25 at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia Street, La Crosse, WI. Free lunch provided. For more details or to sign up, go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse>

Mass of Hope and Healing - Sep 23

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A book of remembrance will be available for those who would like to inscribe the name(s) of their child(ren). Candles will be lit and carried forward by family members, just before the entrance procession, and placed before the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, refreshments will be served along with a display of resources and books in the Gathering Space.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 8

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge hosting their annual Sauerkraut Supper on Wednesday, October 8 from 4 PM-7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pie. Cost \$16 for dinner, raw kraut (2.5 lbs) \$5. There is also a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles.

19th Annual Queen of the Americas Guild - Oct 17-18

Keynote speaker Cardinal Burke, for full conference schedule see the flyers in the back of the church or go online at: QueenoftheAmericasGuild.org.

Activity Corner

The Holy Cross

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ADAMSAVIO ROV
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DEMRYIHELLEL
LNEEECHILLNE
OFFEREDIEDAD



Find all the words in
CAPITALS in the puzzle.
Use the leftover letters to
fill in the blanks at the end.

After ADAM and Eve sinned, the world needed a SAVIOUR who would FREE us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of GOD, LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His life to God the FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

When the TIME came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY wooden cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of the Skull. The soldiers NAILED Him to the CROSS and lifted it up. The SKY became DARK as Jesus hung there for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God and He opened the GATES of HEAVEN.

Who found Jesus' cross after it
had been buried for 300 years? _____

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

Sacrament of Baptism: Submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwat.net AND jrichards@diolclergy.org 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.