

St. Mary's Parish

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses (NEW TIMES):

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

Area Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

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>

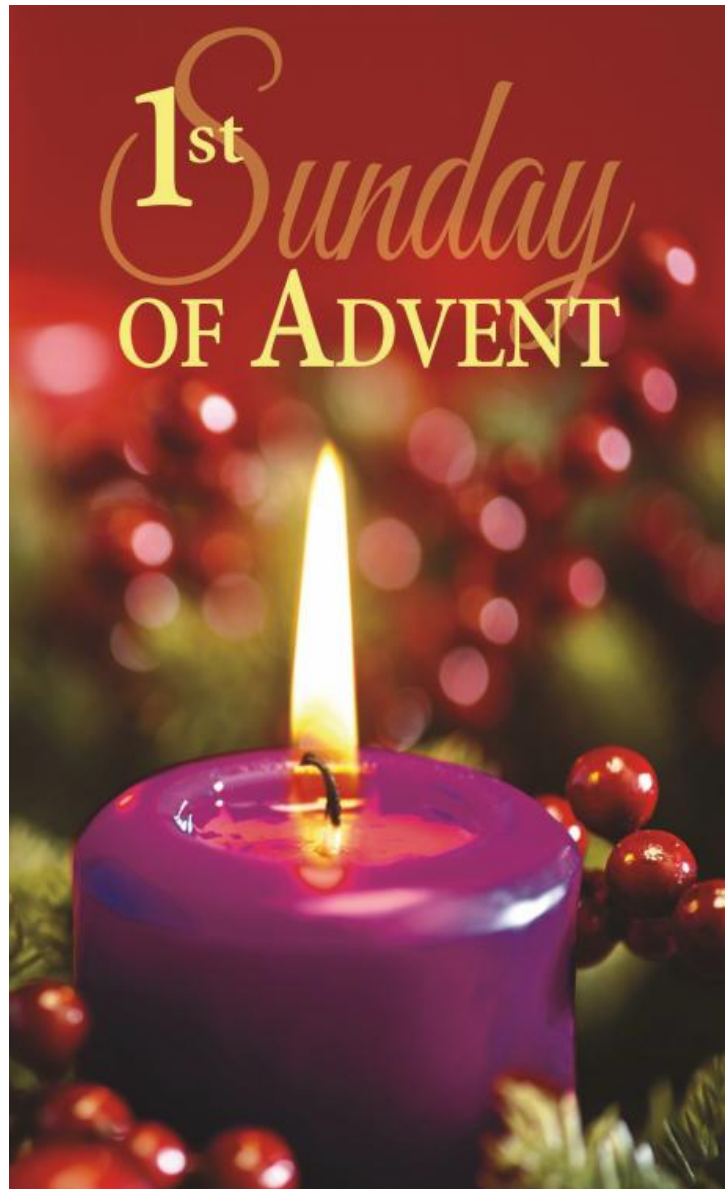
Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND frmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of a 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: Please call or email Fr. Matt to have an intention added during COVID time. General Book of Prayer requests will be included in the intercessions.



Fr. Matthew Marshall
Pastor
November 29, 2020

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

- 1) Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- 3) Mark 13:33-37

FOCUS: Let us be ever watchful for our God, who comes to us in ordinary circumstances.

Perhaps, like Isaiah, we long for God to perform a breathtaking miracle that would make us sit up and take notice. Yet, as people of faith, we are called to see God in the ordinary. Advent gives us the opportunity to take time to pray – to sharpen our vision of God's presence in our daily lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the longing of the people of Israel for God's return and help in times of trouble: *That [he] would rend the heavens and come down*, such that mountains would quake and *awesome deeds* take place. Paul gives thanks for the grace of God bestowed on the Corinthians, and assures them that they *are not lacking in any spiritual gift*. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! For they do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.*

Intentions

Nov 28 ~ 8:00 AM - †Edward and Anna Kerska
Nov 29 ~ 8:00 AM - †Norbert and Arlene Seichter
Dec 01 ~ 6:00 PM - †Lucile Kumm
Dec 03 ~ 8:00 AM - †Edward Kerska
Dec 05 ~ 8:00 AM - †Anna Kerska
Dec 06 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jeanette C. Duda

Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 11/25/20	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$3,000.00	\$2,800.00
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
Over Target	(\$9,925.00)	(\$10,125.00)
Percent Pledged: 23.21%, Percent Received: 21.66%		
Number Contributing:	15	

Next Week in Service — Dec 6th

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Cathy Berg
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Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **December 06** ~ RE Class for grades K-4 after Mass
 - **December 08** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—*Holy Day, Mass at 8:00AM* *this is an updated time from previous publication*
 - **December 13** ~ RE Class for grades 5-10 after Mass
 - **December 20** ~ Blue Christmas Service with Immanuel Lutheran (time TBD)
 - **December 24** ~ Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM-**signup for attendance**
 - **December 25** ~ Christmas Day Mass 8:00 AM-**signup for attendance**
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- **Our 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 Noon to 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

You can help increase AmazonSmile donations to St. Mary Parish by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.



Giving Last Week		Week 46	11/22/2020
Adult Env.()	\$1024.25	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$50.00	Received This Week	\$1,074.25
		YTD Needed	\$89,300.00
Total	\$1074.25	YTD Received	\$82,057.57
		Difference	(7,242.43)

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.

From Fr. Matt

- **Advent Reflection Books** are available in the back of church. Parishioners from both Coon Valley and Viroqua contributed as authors. Thank you to our neighbors for generously sharing from their own hearts. We hope they are a wonderfully helpful resource for your prayer in Advent!

- **Dec 8th, Immaculate Conception, Holy Day Mass**
*******Correction: 8:00 AM*******

- **Thank you** to the three persons who volunteered to help with snow removal this year at St. Mary's. We are very grateful for the time and energy they are offering to us all. Thank you for sharing so generously of yourselves even amidst your other responsibilities. Thank you! provided at a time that works for you. Thank you!

Parish Announcements

Christmas Mass Liturgical Ministry Sign Up

If you are an Usher, Reader, Communion Minister or Altar Server and are able to help with Christmas Mass, please sign up in the back of church. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Attendance

If you are planning to attend Mass for Christmas, please sign up in the back of church. For safety reasons we need to keep the crowd to the 25% capacity. Thank you for understanding. Fr. Matt will also be streaming the Mass on Facebook live, we are considering possible overflow options to be announced soon.



Christmas Flower Donations

If you wish to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, please use the envelopes located at the church entrances/exits. Return the envelope by dropping in the collection.

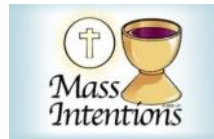


Staying Connected

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

2021 Parish Calendar

The St. Mary's 2021 calendars are now available for pickup in the back of church. These beautiful calendars contain liturgical dates and Holy Days.



We are accepting Mass Intention requests for 2021. If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Sunday Masses are booked through May 23, 2021. **Saturdays** are booked up to July. **Weekday**, on a Tues., are more readily available starting Feb 2nd. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or call on a Tuesday or Wednesday for available dates.

Financial Support Options

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- 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 (a 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- Drop your contribution envelope off at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Diocesan/Community Announcements:

Advent Virtual Mission

Prepare for the Birth of the Christ Child through the eyes of St. Joseph. There will be four presentations, one each week of Advent visit diolc.org/advent

La Crosse Warming Center

This year has seen a lot of unexpected expenses - change in location, increased 2019-2020 season - increased staffing hours. We need your support. Please donate to our Homeless for the Holidays Appeal. Your donation will stay in this community, providing service to those who are experiencing homelessness! Our item wish list includes: Four Slice Toaster, Backpacks, Bottled Water, Breakfast & Soft Granola Bars, Winter/Waterproof Gloves & Boots, Hand & Foot Warmers, Cleaning Supplies, Men's & Women's New Underwear, Fruit and Applesauce Cups, Men's & Women's Thermal Underwear (Tops and Bottoms), Creamer/Sugar, Laundry Soap/ Dryer Sheets. Volunteers are needed also. Check us out at www.cclse.org or call 888-212-4357.

Cookie Walk

Holy Trinity Parish, 1333 SO 13th Street, La Crosse, will host a COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 a.m.- Noon in Leo Hall. Boxed Christmas Cookies will sell for \$7 per pound. Cut-out Cookie Kits (1 dozen cookies, frosting, and sprinkles) will be available for \$10. Questions call Bonnie at 608-519-3016

Week of Nov. 29th Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 30 November

St Andrew, apostle, Romans 10:9-18, Paul is convinced that the Word of God is very near to us, "in our hearts and on our lips." We need, nevertheless, bearers of that Word, more than ever...perhaps I could be a carrier myself?

Matthew 4:18-22, As usual in the call stories, human things that would interest us—how did their wives and children feel?—are left out and we stand before the sovereign call of Jesus. Have I heard that call in my own life?

Tuesday 1 December

Isaiah 11:1-10, The human hope for harmony is portrayed in this reading as a harmony in nature itself, even among the most unlikely animals.

Luke 10:21-24, Jesus pronounces a remarkable prayer in today's gospel, a very encouraging prayer: we all stand before the mystery and mercy of God, thank God!

Wednesday 2 December

Isaiah 25:6-10, This reading is familiar from funerals, but not confined to those sad occasions. On the contrary, the invitation, open all the time, is full of joy and hope.

Matthew 15:29-37, The compassion of Jesus is outstanding in this reading: it is *he* who names the need and supplies the food. What hunger does he identify in us today? How are we nourished by him?

Thursday 3 December

St Francis Xavier, Jesuit priest, Isaiah 26:1-6, As you listen, you may notice all the words to do with protection: strong city, gates, rock, citadel, forming a great call to faith and trust in God.

Matthew 7:21, 24-27, It is always tempting to think that once you've said your prayers, you're done. The prophets regularly pillory such complacency and so does Jesus. In addition, awareness of local geography adds over to his words. In the Judean desert, there are dry riverbeds called *wadis*, subject to flash floods. To build on such an exposed foundation is the very height of foolishness.

Friday 4 December

St John of Damascus, priest and teacher, Isaiah 29:17-24, As often in the Bible, there are promises to the deaf, the blind and the poor. Each of us is precisely dead, blind and poor and so the message is for us all today, if only we would pay attention. We hold fast to conviction that the Lord is our light and our help.

Matthew 9:27-31, Miracle stories, like today's, are always meant to be taken at two levels. Rather than wonder about the past, we could ask in the present, how am I blind? What is my need of the gift of sight which comes with faith?

Saturday 5 December

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26, The prophet raises the hopes of his hearers with a grand vision of peace and prosperity, a gift of God himself. Such harmony and wellbeing come from following the way offered by God. *Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.* (Psalms 1:2-3)

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8, Again, it is the compassion of Jesus which is outstanding. He feels and he acts, and he sends out. Our need for the word of compassion and the healing touch of God is great. Perhaps I too am being called to some ministry in the community of faith or in society at large?

A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



KIDS CORNER

Fill in the Blanks

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be ready for His next coming.
Fill in the blanks with the words at the end and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the end, in the order they come.

You do not ___ [] ___ when
the time will come.
It is like a ___ [] ___ traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places
his ___ [] ___ in charge,
___ [] ___ with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper
to be on the ___ [] ___
Watch, ___ [] ___;
___ [] ___ do not know
when the [] ___ of the house is coming.
Be ___ [] ___ !

THEREFORE KNOW MAN
EACH WATCH
SERVANTS LORD YOU



Answers: know, man, servants, watch, therefore, you,