



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

February 08, 2025 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 590A

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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

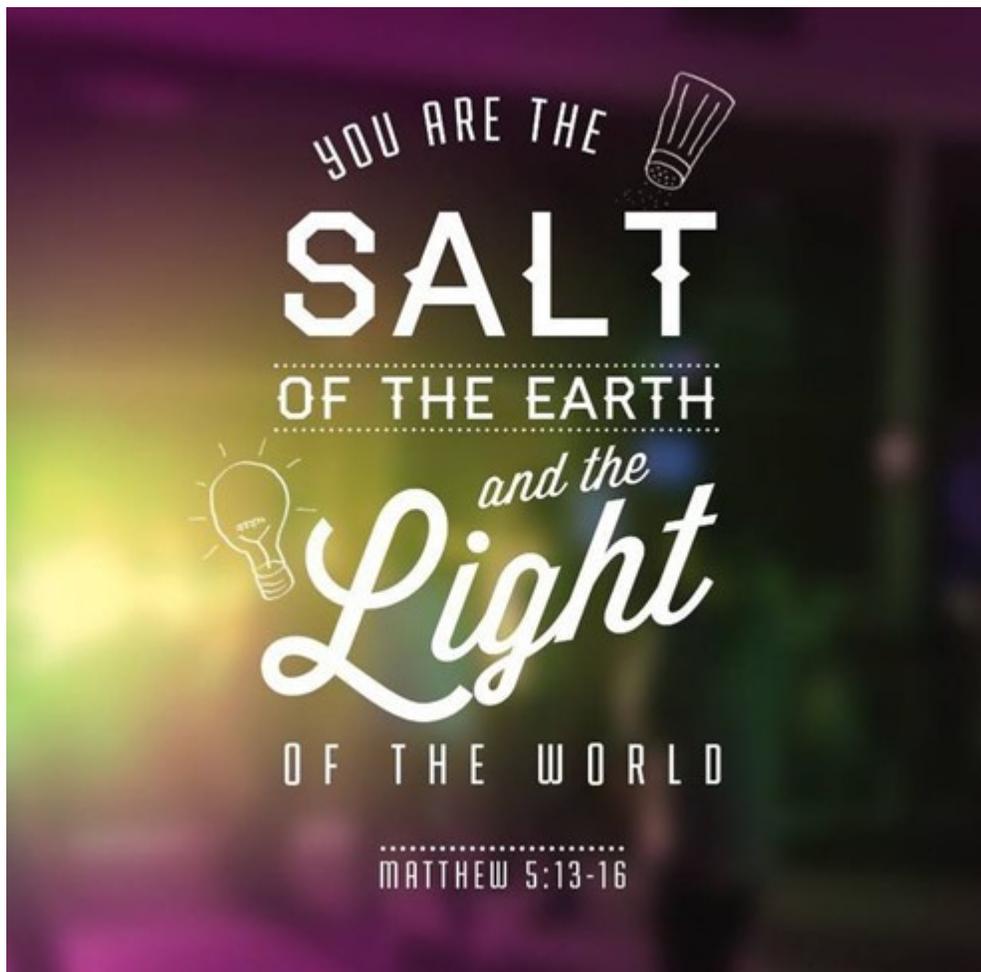
Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



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Parish Finance Council

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek,
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Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti
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PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
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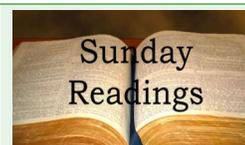
Fr. Joe also serving:

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



February 08, 2026
 1) Isaiah 58:7-10
 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 3) Matthew 5:13-16

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - † Bob Welsh
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Douglas Petan
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

TUESDAY, February 10

Weekday

- 4:30pm Adoration
 - 5:15pm Mass - For the People

THURSDAY, February 12

Weekday

- 8:00am Mass - For the Priest

SATURDAY, February 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families
 (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - Ollendick Families (living and deceased)
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Feb 8** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Feb 14/15** ~ Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins
- **Feb 15** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Theresea Guild
- **Feb 16** ~ PCCW Meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Feb 18** ~ Ash Wednesday (see below for times)
- **Feb 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after Mass
- **Feb 22** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Feb 25** ~ Community Dinner at CV Lutheran Church all are welcome to attend, 5-7 PM We are cohosting!
- **Mar 1** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Mar 8** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- **Mar 15** ~ Parish Social after Mass by the St. Rose Guild
- **Mar 15-20** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO - No weekday Masses
- **March FoF Community Volunteer** Activity date TBD



February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Communion service in Viroqua
 12:10 PM Mass in Viroqua
5:15 PM Mass in Coon Valley

Old Palm Collection for Ash Wednesday

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th, we will again collect old palms. Please bring in your palms from last Palm Sunday or beyond and place them in the container located in the back of the church. Fr. Joe will use the to create the ash used on Ash Wednesday.

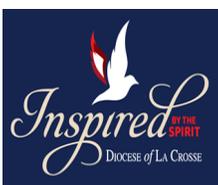
Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Mar 14 & 28. Apr 18, & 26. May 2 or 3, 9, 16, 17, 23 or 24, 30, & 31.

Open Weekdays: Feb 17, 18, 24, & 26. Mar 3, 5, 12, 24, & 31. Apr 2, 7, 9, 16, 23, & 28.

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 stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of January 22, 2026
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$70,286.50
 THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 2/6/2026	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$17,525.00	\$12,186.69
Target Amount	\$14,565.00	\$14,565.00
Over/Under Target	\$2,960.00	(\$2,378.31)
Percent Pledged: 120.32% , Percent Received: 83.67%		
Number Contributing: 25		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$1,181.25	Received as of week 1
(\$6,818.75)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		2/1/2026	
Adult Env (24)	\$1,050.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	131.25	Received This Week	\$1,181.25
Total	\$1,181.25	Total needed	\$10,000.00
		YTD Received	\$7,064.25
CCHD	\$10.00	Difference	(2,935.75)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Let me start by clarifying that I am not a breakfast person. By accident more than by choice, I typically don't feel much like eating something until noon or so, so lunch usually makes my breakfast. Don't get me wrong, I love a good biscuits and gravy or eggs benedict, but that's more of a circumstantial and company-driven thing – I'm not much of one to seek out a sit-down restaurant solo. Now that this is all firmly established, it might make sense how out of the ordinary it was when I woke up on our fasting day a few days ago with the most powerful hankering for a bowl of granola and yogurt I've ever felt this week. In fact, I was mid-reach into the pantry before I stopped, remembered it was a fasting day, uttered some mild priest's version of a profanity, and harumphed my way over to the black coffee pot.

Maybe this is just me, but this same exact narrative never fails whenever Ash Wednesday or Good Friday come along, or whenever I've got some kind of fast going on (whether that be food oriented or media or alcohol or whatever) – the day I give something particular up is the day I have the strongest jonesing for that thing. I haven't done much lifestyle-fasting (like Keto or Carnivore or Atkins), but talking to folks that have it seems like a similar story tends to play out – “for a good few weeks all I could think of was how much I wanted bread/sugar/whatever Atkins cuts out” – there is a real withdrawal that comes with eliminating something from our bodies' nutritional intake that our bodies have come to expect and rely on (I once tried giving up coffee for Lent, which had some disturbing headache effects for myself and some disturbing relational effects for everyone who dared approach me).

I think this is one of the biggest recommendations in favor of spiritual fasting. On the one hand I can give up something that's simply bad for me (think alcohol for an alcoholic, smoking for a nicotine addict, much of media in general), or I can give up something that's neutral (a hot shower) or even good (like coffee) that I don't really need. Either one (giving up something bad-for-me or giving up something neutral/good-for-me) teaches really quickly how much I've come to rely on things I'm not meant to rely on. Beyond this, there is a spiritual *power* to picking up a cross I don't necessarily have to pick up, simply for the sake of following Jesus (“if you would be my disciple...”). As we continue to pray and fast for peace and as we prepare for the specifically fasting-oriented season of Lent, take a little encouragement to keep carrying the cross, to keep giving Him the reigns.

God bless you!

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

You are invited—Discussion of Fratelli Tutti

You are invited to join a six-session discussion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Fratelli tutti* (“All My Brothers”) as a way to deepen your Lenten journey toward Holy Week. In a time when division is felt by many, this study offers an opportunity to reflect on unity and fraternity as a community of faith. **With two options beginning Sunday, February 15 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Thursday, February 19, 2027, for six consecutive sessions in the confirmation basement classroom from 6:30-8 pm** A light lunch will be provided. Books and study guides are available on the table in the back of church. Please take one of each per participant and sign the contact sheet provided. *There is no cost to participate.*

CCHD Collection Thank You

Thank you for your supporting of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your contributions help empower low-income people to create lasting, positive change in their communities. You can still donate by using the envelopes in the back of the church. For more information about CCHD visit: www.usccb.org/cchd.

Lenten Preparation and Opportunities

Lent begins February 18 with Ash Wednesday. As we enter this sacred season, here are a few ways to prayerfully plan for your Lenten growth:

1. **Join the discussion of *Fratelli Tutti*** – Grow in understanding and fellowship through shared reflection.
2. **Daily Reflections for Lent Booklet** – Pick up a complimentary booklet available in the back of church.
3. **Take Time for Prayer** – For guidance, consider the *Praying for (and Living) a Peaceful Lent* pamphlet, also available in the back of church.
4. **Try a Faith App**
 - ♦ **Ascension App** – Offers daily Lenten video reflections.
 - ♦ **Hallow Prayer & Meditation App** – Find peace in prayer with guided reflections. (Free prayers are marked with a sparkle icon.)
5. **Attend Stations of the Cross** – Join us Tuesdays for Stations at 5:15 PM, followed by Mass. May this Lenten season be a time of renewal, prayer, and grace for all.

Greif Share - Support Group Beginning Mar 10

Grief is a journey. No matter how long it has been since losing a loved one, grief can greatly affect your life, (spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, mentally and financially). Grief Share is a 13-week support program, that is being hosted jointly by the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Mary's Parishes. For more information about the program and to learn how to register, pick up a flyer from the back of church. If there is someone you know who may benefit from Grief Share, please invite him or her to attend. All are welcome!

When: Tuesdays 5:00 - 7:00 pm

March 10th through June 2nd, 2026

Where: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 400 Congress Ave. Viroqua, WI 54665

Parish Announcements continued



Sacred Heart Catholic School

Cashton, WI

PK - 8th Grade Education

Discover the difference at Sacred Heart School, where faith and learning grow together. We proudly serve students in Pre-K through 8th grade in a Christ-centered environment rooted in Charity, Truth, and Excellence. At Sacred Heart, we believe in skills over standards, helping students build confidence, character, and a strong foundation for life.

Call 608-654-7733 today to learn more or to schedule a tour!

Now Registering for 2026-2027 School Year!

A Table Together – Free Community Dinner - Feb 25

Questions, contact meals@coonvalleylutheranchurch.org. See the flyer posted in the back of the church.

~**The February 25** Table Together meal will be cohosted by **St Mary Parish** at Coon Valley Lutheran Church. Food donations and workers will be needed. More information will be provided soon.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse | Feb. 13-15, 2026 | Sparrow's Nest, Sparta

Looking for a way to rekindle the love and romance in your marriage? This powerful experience of discovery helps you renew your commitment, deepen your intimacy and reignite the passion that brought you together. Space is limited apply for the weekend by visiting: <https://wwme.org/> to save your spot!

Ash Wed Soup and Supper

St. Mary's Richland Center PCCW would like to invite you and your parish to our Ash Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Supper. Located at: 160 W. Fourth St, Richland Center. Mass at 5:15 PM followed by supper, serving from 6 –7:30 PM.

Chili and Basket Raffle - Feb 22

Come sample chili and gift basket raffle on Sunday February 22 from 11 to 2 at Coon Valley Legion to benefit Coon Valley Library sponsored by Friends of the Library. All welcome.

Kevin Matthews Broken Mary Presentation

Kevin Matthews, a once famous Chicago radio host, had a tragic health event that led him to encounter a broken statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Hearing a voice say, “Will you deny Me? Will you deny My mother?”, Kevin embraced the statue and returned to his Catholic faith. This Broken Mary statue has become famous for miracles associated with it and Kevin now travels around the country with Broken Mary telling his story and bringing healing to our broken world.

Come with your own brokenness and hear Kevin’s story of God’s healing. **FREE!** All are welcome!

⇒**Sunday, Feb. 22 1:30 pm** St. Mary’s University in the Page Theatre / 700 Terrace Heights, Winona, MN

⇒**Monday, Feb. 23 6:00 pm** Aquinas High School Auditorium / 315 11th Street S, La Crosse, WI

Evangelization Summit—Mar 10

Registration Open! Our first Evangelization Summit will be this Lent during the day on Tuesday, March 10, at Mary Mother

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

of the Church in La Crosse. This will be an opportunity for those excited about being on mission to gather together, support each other, learn and grow in forming disciples who make disciples. <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>

Embracing the Call to Holiness – The Eau Claire Deanery and the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women jointly sponsor the “Call to Holiness” A Woman’s Retreat day being hosted by St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Eau Claire on **March 14, 2026**. Registration forms are located on the tables in the back of church, **early bird registration ends February 15th**. Women from all over the diocese are welcome to attend .

18th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon – Mar 18

Bishop Gerard Battersby and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 18th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 18, 2026! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. We are excited to announce that we will be honoring our In My Name Award recipient, Jason Larsen and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award recipients, Chuck and Mary Kulas. Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please RSVP online at <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/> by Friday, March 13 as seating is limited.

Men of the Cross: Forged for Mission | March 21, 2026 | Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Men of the Diocese of La Crosse! This is your invitation to step away from the noise of daily life and be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and purpose. Join other Catholic men for a powerful day of encouragement and formation as we grow stronger as disciples, husbands, fathers, and leaders forged for mission. For info and too register: <https://menofthecross.org/>
Featured Speaker: Bart Schuchts. **Mass Celebrant:** Fr. Sam Martin. **Cost:** \$45 (includes breakfast & lunch). **High School Men:** Attend FREE with a parent/guardian

Masses, Prayers for Peace, and Resources in this Time of Immigration Turmoil:

In light especially of the tragic violence and chaos that has unfolded recently in Minneapolis with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the protests, Bishop Battersby requested that the parishes of the diocese celebrate a Mass, a Holy Hour and/or a Rosary for Peace. For statements from the bishops and other resources related to immigration, visit <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/>

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@mwt.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.