

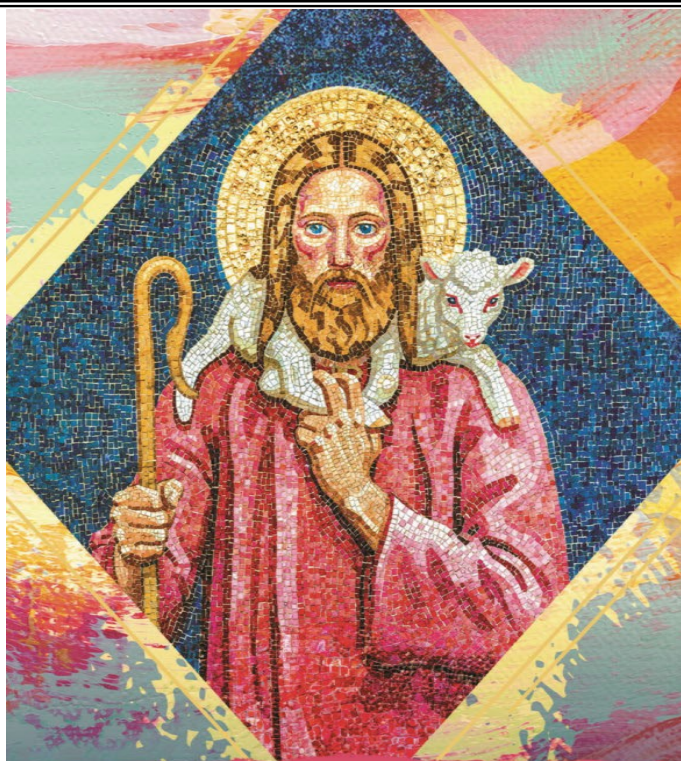
St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:
900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841
Website: www.stmarycv.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

April 21, 2024

Readings: 557B



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down
my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17*

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

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

Amy Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

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

Mike Callan, 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: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & 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 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.

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Readings

April 21, 2024

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12; 2) I John 3: 1-2;
3) John 10:11-18

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, April 20

Fourth Sunday of Easter

-4: 00pm Mass - † Albert Sedevie
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

-8:00am Mass - † Leyton Staflien
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, April 23

St. George and St. Adalbert

- NO 5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family—NO MASS

THURSDAY, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

- NO 8:00am Mass - † Edward & Anna Kerska—NO MASS

SATURDAY, April 27

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-4: 00pm Mass - † Betty Callan
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:00am Mass - † Neveah Niemyjski
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Apr 21** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley and
~ 9:00 AM Confirmation Instruction in Viroqua
~ First Communion Instruction following 10:30 AM Mass at Viroqua in the parish library for 1 1/2 hrs
- **Apr 22** ~ Earth Day
- **Apr 22-26** ~ Fr. Joe will be on the Annual Priest Retreat, NO Daily Mass in Coon Valley or Viroqua
- **Apr 27** ~ **PCCW Spring Luncheon 11 AM-1 PM**
- **May 02** ~ **Confirmation at Viroqua at 6:30 PM**
- **May 05** ~ **First Communion Sunday!** **NO** religious education class for either Coon Valley/Viroqua students.
- **May 13** ~ PCCW Meeting 5: 30 PM
- **May 19** ~ RE end of year party after the 8 AM Mass and parish social to celebrate our first communicant, confirmand, and graduates. The PCCW hosts will be both St. Theresa & St. Rose Guilds.
- **May 20** ~ Installation of Bishop Gerard W. Battersby in La Crosse



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 23 & 30; Aug 10, 11, 24, 31.

Open Weekdays: May 14. Jun. 11 & 20; Jul 4, 11, & 30; Aug 1, 20, 22, 29.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of April 12, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$38,054.50

THANK YOU!

Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,728.00	Received as of week 2
(\$4,272.00)	Difference for the Month

Giving Last Week		4/14/2024	
Adult Env()	\$1,790.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$624.00	Received This Week	\$2,414.00
Total	\$2,414.00	Running total needed	\$30,000.00
		YTD Received	\$28,032.42
		Difference	(1,967.58)

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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



CONFESSIONS
Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am

Annual Appeal 2023-24		
As of 03/27/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$12,050.00	\$10,900.00
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$2,465.00)	(\$3,615.00)
Percent Pledged: 83.02%, Percent Received: 75.09%		
Number Contributing: 26		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, reoccurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I have a few notes of gratitude to share this weekend.

First, as you hopefully noticed this weekend, I am alive. That is good news. Last weekend Fr. Reither made a surprise appearance when food poisoning or the flu or something equally nefarious took me down. The team at St. Pat's came through in a pinch, with Monsignor Kachel taking over their weekend Masses and Fr. Tim coming down: A) to celebrate Masses for us and B) to give up his homily-less weekend. There's something extra to be grateful for there – I rather enjoy the process of developing and delivering an effective homily, but there's a relief to Deacon stepping up to preach to give me the chance to take a breath and hear the fruit of another preacher's work. Big thanks to Fr. Tim on both counts!

Second, this week I'll be on retreat in Oconomowoc. Priests are required to make at least a five-day retreat every year – it's a wise and effective reminder of the need to pause. This week my spiritual director will be leading us through some healing and deliverance work, and forty or fifty priests will be praying together and making the space to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit. A pertinent note: in battle a retreat is a strategic withdrawal to recuperate and reinforce before re-engaging. A spiritual retreat is similar – rest is important, but just as important is realizing that pastoral work is wearing and costs something. My favorite tool down in the woodshop is my set of chisels. They're precise, they're capable of remarkable clean work (and also of ruining an entire project with one misplaced strike along the grain), but every blow curls that cutting edge back just a little bit more. An effective chisel needs just as much time in methodical pause as it does in practical application. Thank you for understanding the need for me to step back from daily Masses and administrative and pastoral work to keep myself grounded in the Lord!

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who are engaging either of our Bible Studies (the Thursday morning crew and the folks diving into the Panorama of the Old Testament study). Many of you put in the serious work of engaging the scriptures for the coming weekend and opening up the Lord's Word in personal and group study – it makes the homilist's job much more fruitful when there's already some familiarity among the congregation with the Message the Holy Spirit has prepared for us. A good homily is a team effort – it certainly demands serious engagement and prayer on the preacher's part, but just as much it demands the full and active participation of the congregation receiving the homilist's words. Thank you for the work you are doing.

God bless you all,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



PCCW Spring Luncheon

The PCCW will be hosting their annual Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, April 27**. This event is open to all, not just the ladies, and the food is always delicious. St. Rose and St. Theresa Guilds will be serving this year. Each member of those guilds will be asked to bring a LARGE salad. Since many past attendees have asked for recipes of their favorite dishes we would like everyone to bring a recipe card with their recipe on it for others to see. Those interested can then make their own copy of the recipe. We will also have meat/cheese trays, croissants, and desserts. Our guest speakers will be Joyce & Roger Humfeld talking about their beekeeping and honey business. They will also have honey available for purchase at the luncheon.



Rosary before Mass in the Month of May

May is traditionally dedicated to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary. To commemorate our parish namesake, the rosary will be recited 20 minutes before the weekend masses in May. Please make an effort to join us.

Mother's Day Rose Sale - May 11 & 12

Honor your Mother the weekend of May 11th & 12th with a rose! The PCCW is sponsoring the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale after both masses. A \$2 donation per rose is requested, with all proceeds going to Wisconsin Right To Life.



Please pray for our students receiving sacraments in the month of May

Jacqueline Steiger

Confirmation on May 2, 2024

and

**Theodore Goodwin and
Viktoria Gunderson**

First Communion on May 5, 2024

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Spring Carnival – Apr 21

St. Charles School—Genoa—April 21 10:30-1:30; Fun for the whole family! There will be games, raffles, dessert walk, food and beverages. Raffle tickets available, call (608)689-2642.

MMOC Rummage Sale - Apr 26

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 26, 11

Diocesan/Local Announcements

AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Trivia Night at St. Charles School, Genoa – Apr 26

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!! Another St. Charles School Trivia Night will be held on FRIDAY, April 26! There will be no buzzers or putting you on the spot. Teams will come up with their answers together and turn in one answer sheet. Teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. The cost to play is \$10/player. Cash or check only. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:30. New this time: lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Come prepared! Call Mariette Donovan at 608-381-0220 with your team's name, number of players on your team, and contact person's name and phone number. See you there!

Volunteer Now for Neighbors Day 2024 – Apr 27

How: Signup to help at: <https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/events/neighbors-day/> Volunteer as an individual, team, or family. When: Saturday, April 27nd from 8 am to 3 pm. Where: Check-in at the Nature Place at Myrick Park (789 Myrick Park Drive, La Crosse). Additional note: A light breakfast and lunch will be served. All tools will be provided.

Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser - Apr 27

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge!). \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60!

Registration and more information can be found at: roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints

Men's Choir Concert – Apr 28

Held at Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on April 28, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to hear a magnificent performance of Maurice Duruflé's Messe "Cum Jubilo" by a men's choir. This choral masterpiece blends traditional Gregorian chant with modern harmonies. This concert is free and open to the public. More information at guadalupe Shrine.org/events.

Grit & Grace Conference - May 4

The Franciscan Spirituality Center will be hosting its annual *Overcoming Challenges With Grit and Grace* conference on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30AM-3:00PM. The keynote speaker this year is Shannon Evans. She will share her experience of surviving septic shock and ensuing journey of learning embodied compassion for herself after medical trauma. She is the author of several books and the spirituality and culture editor for the National Catholic Reporter. There will also be several other speakers. The cost is \$65 which includes lunch. To register go to www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally: Be Part of This Amazing Day! | June 7 | La Crosse Center

Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and internationally-known speakers as we seek to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, His gift of Himself to us with unconditional love. For info, visit diolc.org/the-answer

Activity Corner

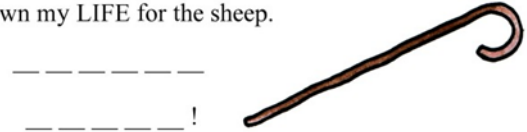
Good Shepherd Word-Find



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Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.



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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- Those sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mw.net

Spring Luncheon

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 2024



Questions? Call 608-452-3841

**St. Mary's Parish
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Coon Valley, WI 54623**

Only \$10 per person

Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch.

At 11:30 a.m. guest speakers - Joyce and Roger Humfeld discussing their beekeeping and honey business.

Door Prizes

Offered by St. Mary's PCCW, all proceeds go to support St. Mary's Parish