



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | Reading 561C

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PASTOR

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Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

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

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

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

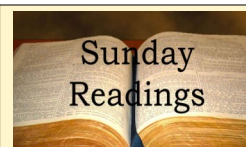
Fr. Joe also serving:

**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



May 18, 2025
 1) Acts 14:21-27/54
 2) Revelations 21:1-5a
 3) John 13:31-33a,34-35

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, May 17

Fifth Sunday of Easter

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Arnold and Del Marie Hemmersbach
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

~ 8:00am Mass - † Cecilia Humfeld
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena

~ 4:30-5:00pm Adoration
 ~ 5:15pm Mass - † Stanley and Francis Kerska

THURSDAY, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia

~ 8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, May 24

Sixth Sunday of Easter

~ 4:00pm Mass - Don and Roxane Weber
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

~ 8:00am Mass - † Leyton and Helen Stafslie
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

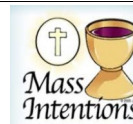
Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 18** ~ Rel Ed end of year party after 8 AM Mass and Parish Social!
- **May 19** ~ Men's Club Meeting 6 PM Picnic Planning
- **May 20** ~ Greif Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **May 26** ~ **Memorial Day Service** at the Cemetery 8 AM
- **May 26-Jun 6** ~ Fr. Joe in Lincoln NE for FOCUS - No weekday Masses
- **May 27** ~ Greif Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **May 31/Jun 1** ~ Welcome Fr. Tim Reither, help out priest for the weekend
- **Jun 3** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 10** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 17** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 24** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jun 27** ~ Fr. Joe Anniversary of Ordination
- **Jul 1** ~ Grief Share in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
- **Jul 26** ~ **Summer Family Picnic**

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jul 6, 13, & 20. Aug 10 & 31. Sep 7, 21 & 28.

Open Weekdays: May & Jun-full. Jul 8, 10, 22, 24, 29 & 31. Aug 5,7,12,14,26, & 28.



Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. As of July 1, 2024 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.



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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of May 2, 2025
 Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
 Payments received: \$57,721.50
 THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00 at \$2000 per week
 \$1,801.60 Received as of week 1
 (\$6,198.40) Difference for the Month

May 10/11 information not available at time of publication

Annual Appeal 2024-2025

As of 05/09/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,555.00	\$12,929.97
Target Amount	<u>\$14,050.00</u>	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
Over/Under Target	\$505.00	(\$1,120.03)
Percent Pledged: 103.59%, Percent Received: 92.03%		
Number Contributing: 30		
To donate online, visit: diolc.org/donate-online/ and in the drop down box choose: 2024(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

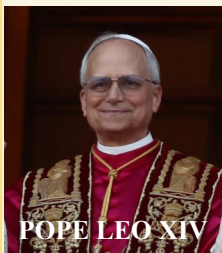
Giving Last Week		5/4/2025	
Adult Env (33)	\$1555.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	246.60	Received This Week	\$1,801.60
Total	\$1,801.60	Running total needed	\$36,000.00
Mite Boxes	\$16.65	YTD Received	\$36,620.81
Rice Bowl	\$6.33	Difference	620.81

From the Pastor

Hello friends!

Language is important – sometimes it's a set of words, sometimes a set of shared experiences, sometimes it's a matter of common perspective – language is an important thing. It's maybe telling that one of the first scriptural results of common sin – when the people of Babel join each other in the vanity of building a tower so high it would pierce heaven – God's punishment is to allow the natural results of the disunity of pride and the isolation of vanity by taking away the unity of common language from the people.

Anyhow, language is important. Over the last week and a half we've been sitting with the reality of a new Holy Father, this one from our very own United States. Unfortunately he's from Chicago, but as he's spent a good few decades as a missionary outside of Chicago I will let that slide. This is the first time that I know of that a pope's native language has been my own native language (English, although mine is a Californian dialect). As I



shared his opening speech last week, today I would like to share the first formal public words he spoke in English – a note before he preached his first homily as pope (which he then delivered in Italian, since he is now the bishop of an Italian diocese). Now from the Holy Father, untranslated:

"I want to repeat the words from the Responsorial Psalm: 'I will sing a new song to the Lord, because He has done marvels,' and indeed, not just with me but with all of us.

"My brother Cardinals, as we celebrate this morning, I invite you to reflect on the marvels the Lord has done, the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out on all of us through the Ministry of Peter.

"You have called me to carry that cross, and to carry out that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me, as we continue as a Church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers, to announce the Good News, to announce the Gospel."

We each have a place in the Church, you and me and the Holy Father and those guys I went to seminary with in Chicago (my animosity makes more and more sense, doesn't it?) and those folks who have forgotten that they have a place in the Church and those folks who haven't discovered their place in the Church yet. Like Ananias approaching the newly converted Paul with courage in the face of very understandable fear, it is for each of us to build up each other and the kingdom of God on Earth and in the next life together. Let's get building.

God bless you,

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

End-of-Year Religious Education Celebration & High School Graduate Recognition

Join us this Sunday, May 18th, following the 8 AM Mass as we celebrate the close of another wonderful year of Religious Education and honor our graduating high school seniors! We would like to take this time to recognize our students and our coordinator of religious education, Bridget Goodwin, as well as pay tribute to our 2025 high school graduates.



Our Graduates:

Madeline Bliss

(Daughter of Alan and Sharon)

Alison Fortun

(Daughter of Jason and Carmen)

Whalen Thomas

(Son of Ben and Tina)

There will be a light meal and refreshments along with fellowship after Mass in the church basement. All are welcome to come down and celebrate.

Rosary during the month of May

Saying the Rosary before Mass in the month of 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 weekend masses in May. Please make an effort to join us. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to help out (could do as couples). We have a handout on how to recite the rosary that we can provide. If interested please call or text Karen Callan (608 397-3490) or Bob Kerska (608 317- 8392).



Memorial Day Prayer Service at our Cemetery - May 26

Join us for a Memorial Day Prayer Service led by Deacon Shay at 8:00 AM on Monday, May 26, at St. Mary Cemetery, located at the corner of Hwy 162 and Koenen Road in Coon Valley. This solemn gathering honors and remembers the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Military honors will be performed by the Coon Valley American Legion Post 116 at 8:30 AM. All are welcome to attend this time of prayer, remembrance, and gratitude.



Help Seminarian John Francis—Biking For Babies

Our seminarian, **John Francis**, who started the Bible Study group, will be participating in a mission program this summer called **Biking For Babies**. It is an organization that raises funds to help pregnancy resource centers. John Francis will be biking from Lincoln, NE to St. Louis, MO in July, a 600-mile trip. His personal goal is to raise \$6000, with a total missionary goal of \$450,000. I wanted to provide you with the address to help support him and his mission work. You can donate online at <https://givebutter.com/b4b-2025missionary/ne-team-1> or mail a check to Biking for Babies, PO Box 644, St. Charles, MO, 63302. MAKE SURE TO PUT HIS NAME IN THE MEMO LINE TO GIVE HIM THE CREDIT FOR

Parish Announcements continued

HIS GOAL. Thanks for considering this worthy cause. He asked that if we are unable to contribute financially, please keep in your prayers the women going through crisis pregnancies that they will be able to utilize services at pregnancy resource centers.



Save the Date
Summer Family Picnic
July 26, 2025

Men's Club meeting for the Summer Picnic planning on Monday, May 19th at 6:00 pm

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Chicken-Que - May 21

Holy Trinity in La Crosse is hosting a Chicken-Que and Bake 13th Street and Park Avenue. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Roll \$12.00. Dine in, Carryout, Drive Through. Pre-sales preferred – Tickets after Masses, at the Parish Office or Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2 Bake Sale in Leo Hall– Pies, Breads, Cookies, Bars and more.

Healing Service – Jun 13

Come experience God's supernatural love on Friday, June 13 at Sacred Heart in Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, followed by 5:30 PM Mass, corporate prayer for healing, and individual healing ministry. All are welcome—come for part or all of the evening. Sacred Heart Parish, 1223 Front St., Cashton, WI.

Mark Your Calendars for the March for Life Wisconsin!

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, and Wisconsin Right to Life for a joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 2-4pm. Find out more and sign up to take the bus at MarchforLifeWisconsin.org. **Bus tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$45 for families.** Questions? Contact Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director Lesley Chisholm at 262-796-1111 X116 or Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org.

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. 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. **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.

Activity Corner

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G	Q	J	S	R	A	W	O	P	G	Y
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B	I	R	E	Y	H	N	T	L	P	E

Jesus	glorified	children
Jews	commandment	love
disciples	Son	Man

PRAYER TO END SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

OF Sound Mind and Spirit

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.