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- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 40 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 40 people)

**Weekday Mass:**

Tues. - 6:30 PM and Thurs.- 8:00 AM

**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua****Weekend Masses**

- 6:30 PM Saturday

- 10:30 AM Sunday

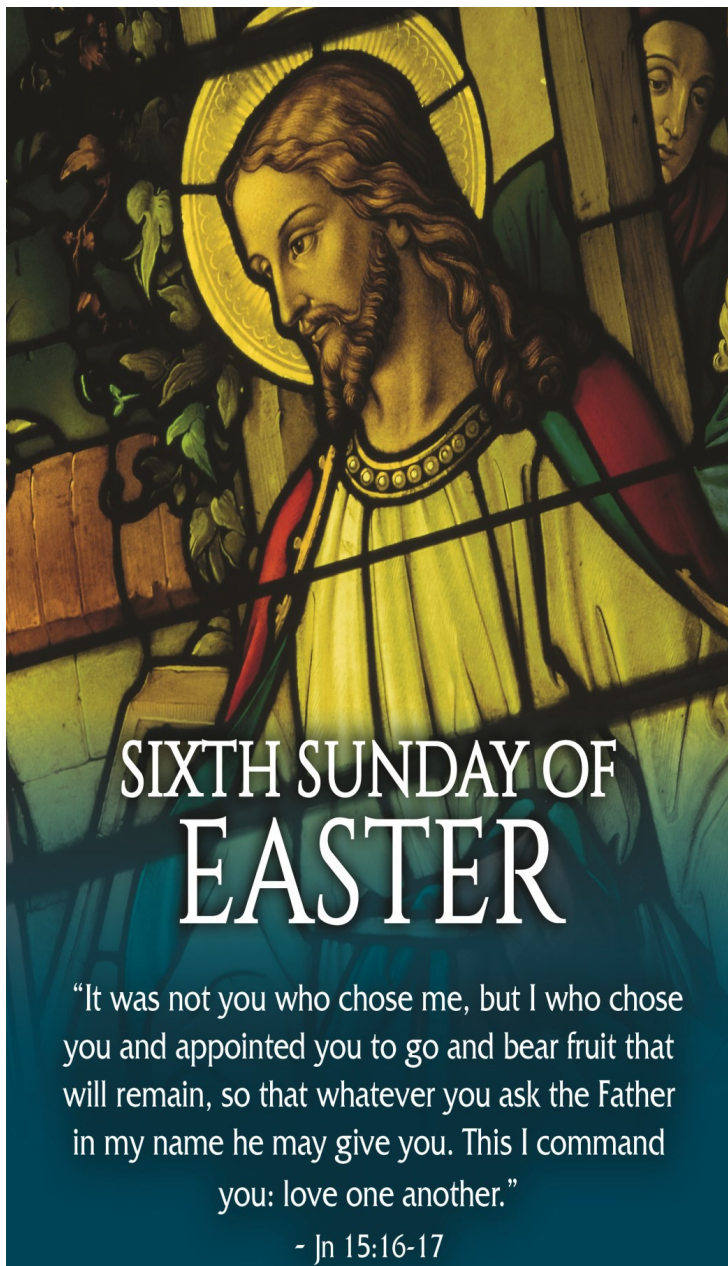
**Weekday Mass:**

Wed. - 6:30 PM and Fri. - 8:00 AM

**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 Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Sat. or by appointment, call Fr. Matt or on our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [frmatmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:frmatmarshall@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 the 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:** 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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

- Jn 15:16-17

## Fr. Matthew Marshall

*Pastor***May 9, 2021***Readings: 563B*

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

- 1) Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- 2) 1 John 4:7-10
- 3) John 15:9-17

**FOCUS:** Love one another; the commandment is not always easy to follow, but it is always good.

Jesus commands us to love one another. As he laid down his life, we imitate Jesus in laying down our lives and loving others. The command, though difficult, comes with a purpose and promise: We remain in him and our joy will be complete. We can love others and bear fruit in Christ, if we remain firmly rooted to him.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, as Peter visits Cornelius and tells him that *whoever fears [God] and acts uprightly is acceptable to him*, the Holy Spirit falls upon all who were listening. John writes, *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God*. God's love was revealed in his Son whom he sent for our salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in his love and to love one another as he has loved them. For *no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*.

Annual Appeal 2020-21		
As of 05/06/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$18,965.00	\$18,417.84
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
<b>Over</b> Target	\$6,040.00	\$5,492.84
Percent Pledged: 146.73%, Percent Received: 142.5%		
Number Contributing:	42	
<p><b><i>WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!</i></b> <u>Thank you!</u> All funds donated from this point forward will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. <b>If you have not contributed, now is the time!</b> Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <a href="https://diolc.org/donate-online">https://diolc.org/donate-online</a>, under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish.</p>		

Intentions
May 08 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfeld
May 09 ~ 8:00 AM - †Deceased members of the Fleming and Ollendick Families
May 11 ~ 6:30 PM - †Norbert Seichter
May 13 ~ 8:00 AM - †Julia Sedevie
May 15 ~ 4:00 PM - †William, Rose Marie, Frank and Dennis LeJeune
May 16 ~ 8:00 AM - †Cecilia Humfeld

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **May 8/9** ~ Mother's Day Rose Sale after Mass
- **May 16** ~ Mass for our Graduating HS Seniors, 8 AM
- **May 19** ~ Westby HS Baccalaureate 6:00 PM
- **May 31** ~ Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery
- **June 15** ~ Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM

### 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 until 7 PM (please practice good social distancing)



## Mother's Day Rose Sale

### After Mass this Weekend!

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.

### Next Week in Service — May 15/16th

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Reader:	<b>Saturday</b> - Jeana LeJeune <b>Sunday</b> - Volunteer
Money Counters:	Randy Baranczyk and Leo Nickelotti



### 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		Week 18	5/2/2021
Adult Env.(23)	\$1095.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$31.00	Received This Week	\$1,213.00
Votives	\$87.00	YTD Needed	\$34,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,213.00</b>	YTD Received	\$35,037.39
Food Pantry	\$90.00	Difference	837.39



## Parish Announcements

### "May is the Month of Mary"

**SIGN UP NOW**

To honor her we will be  
reciting the rosary  
before each Mass in

May. We need people to help lead, there is a signup sheet in the back of church for anyone who can assist us in honoring our church's namesake. Any questions please call Karen Callan 608 397-3490.

### Honoring Our HS Graduates Next Sunday

Next weekend on Sunday, May 16th we will offer prayers and a blessing our graduates. Please keep everyone who is making a big transition in the coming weeks in your prayers. **Graduates: we love you and are praying for you!**

CLASS OF  
**2021**

Andrew Knutson  
Garrison Korn  
Whitney Mislivecek



## Mother's Day Prayer

*Mother's Day blessing and prayers for  
every kind of mothering experience.*

*For those with good mother  
relationships.*

*For those who have lost mothers.  
For those who never had a mother.*

*For those with strained mother  
relationships.*

*For mothers with stained child  
relationships.*

*For mothers who have lost children.*

*For those who long to be mothers.  
For those who have chosen not to be  
mothers.*

*For all types of mothers: traditional,  
birth, angel, step, adoptive, foster,  
Grandma, Auntie moms, sister moms,  
mentor moms and more.*

*We thank you and honor you!*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Chicken Que

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on **Thurs., May 13**, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. for pickup and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call 608-518- 6145. No minimum order-no delivery charge. Enter Weston St driveway.

### Formation in Theology of the Body

Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body provides a road map to discovering our purpose in life and resonates with the deepest desires of the heart. Catechetical leaders, deacons, catechists, parents, grandparents and all those who serve youth, join us virtually on **Saturday, June 5th** to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body by Brian Butler, the author of Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School. Visit [diolc.org/tob](http://diolc.org/tob) for further details and to register for \$10.

### Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute-Viterbo Univ.

Franciscan CORE 2021 will be June 13th - 18th in a hybrid format offering virtual gatherings and a one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social Teaching and the life of St. Francis of Assisi as a model of service we can offer in our own communities. Franciscan CORE invites rising 10th, 11th, and 12th students to discern their call to leadership and service for the Church and the world. Investment for this amazing experience is only \$50. Registration is open! Visit their website [viterbo.edu/franciscan-core](http://viterbo.edu/franciscan-core) for more information and a link to register.

### Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29

Once again, the U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-June 29 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right of religious liberty, which faces grave threats in the U.S. and abroad. Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious freedom. Visit the website <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/religious-freedom-week/> for more information.

### A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration

There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via live-stream at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, July 11** from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting [diolc.org/marriage](http://diolc.org/marriage) on and after July 13.

### Project Rachel Offers Hope After Abortion

It is normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. No one has to experience this alone. Project Rachel offers hope, help and healing. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) for information and resources. For a list of pregnancy resource centers throughout the Diocese of La Crosse, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life).

### 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.

## Week of May 9th Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

### Monday 10 May

*Acts 16:11-15*

Today we hear of the founding of Paul's first community in Europe. Philippians shows just how warm relationship became after these simple beginnings.

*John 15:26-16:4*

The word "paraclete," strange to us, means literally the one who pleads alongside (someone). This is very like the Pauline vision of the Spirit helping us in our weakness. John's Gospel, however, adds two extra dimensions, noticed in today's Gospel: witnessing and remembering.

### Tuesday 11 May

*Acts 16:22-34*

In biblical language, an earthquake symbolizes the presence and action of God. In this extraordinary story, a truly astonishing reversal takes place.

*John 16:5-11*

Our Gospel reflects on the meaning of Jesus' departure (death): it signals and enables the gift of the Spirit in a completely new way.

### Wednesday 12 May

*Acts 17:15, 22-18:1*

One expression from this reading is often quoted: it is in him that we live, and move, and have our being. The context for this marvelous affirmation is set-piece confrontation between Paul and the philosophers of Athens.

*John 16:12-15*

We are more aware, perhaps, than other generations of the importance of memory for our well-being and stability as individuals. It is important for us as believers as well and, fortunately, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit guides us not simply to retain the past but to live the future of our faith.

### Thursday 13 May

*Acts 18:1-8*

We may be tempted to think of Paul as operating on his own, but today we meet some of his wider team. Priscilla and Aquila were great supporters in friendship, hospitality and finance.

*John 16:16-20*

Our reading today touches a central part of the Farewell Discourse. This kind of writing acknowledges the transition of Jesus, so that he will no longer be with his disciples as he had been. At the same time, it opens to up different relationship after the resurrection. The words of the risen Jesus to Mary Magdalen come to mind: Jesus said to her, "Do not keep holding on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " (John 20:17; NRSV adjusted)

### Friday 14 May

*St Matthias, apostle. Acts 1:15-17, 20-26*

The writer of the Acts has great esteem for the Twelve and, as part of the continuity between the two Testaments, the "college" of the apostles is restored after the betrayal and death of Judas. The prayer of discernment shows great confidence in God's presence and inspiration.

*John 15:9-17*

Following Jesus' own example, our Gospel places at the heart of the Christian project the command to love. We may put

## Week of May 9th Readings continued

"command" in inverted commas: really, we are dealing with loving and being loved. In the gentle expression of this Gospel: I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

### Saturday 15 May

*Acts 18:23-28*

An important person is introduced in today's reading: Apollos, a Jew from Alexandria. As a baptized Christian, he was a most eloquent proponent of the Gospel. Some Corinthians much preferred him to Paul, less able as an orator, it would seem.

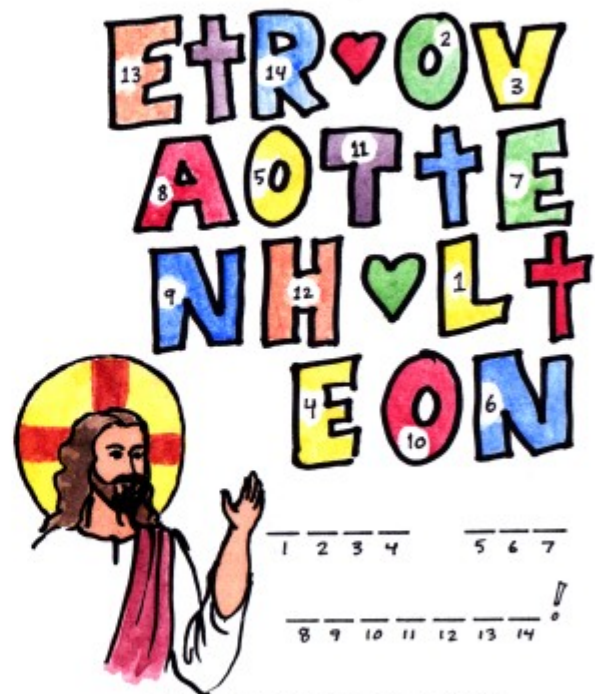
*John 16:23-28*

In the Farewell Discourse, Jesus makes provision for his future role as intercessor and mediator. We may note, however, that unlike much traditional intercession, the Father already loves us and there is no need to persuade him to give what he already desires to give us.



## KIDS CORNER

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9th, 2021



What does Jesus ask us to do  
in today's Gospel reading?  
Put the letters in the spaces that match  
to find out!