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**St. Mary's, Coon Valley**

**Weekend Masses**

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 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 [frmattmarshall@gmail.com](mailto: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.

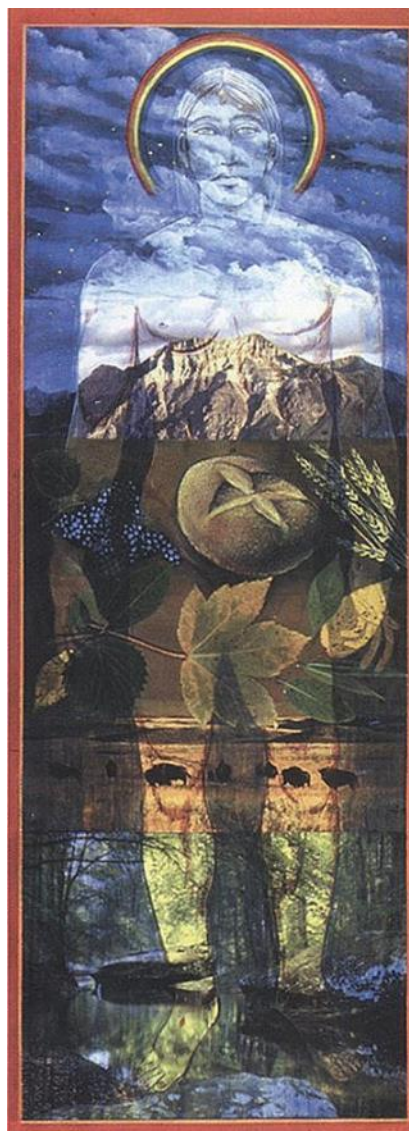
# St. Mary's Parish

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"Mystic Christ" by John Giuliani

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

*Fr. Matthew Marshall*

*Pastor*

*February 28, 2021*

*Readings: 506B*

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

## Second Sunday of Lent

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

- 1) Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
- 2) Romans 8:31b-34
- 3) Mark 9:2-10

**FOCUS:** On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed to his disciples as God's *beloved Son*.

In our Scriptures today, Jesus is revealed as God's *beloved Son*, and Paul writes that the risen Jesus will *indeed intercede for us*. What gifts we are given! Let us, then, act in the world as God's children and be his instruments for building the Kingdom on earth.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Abraham was about to offer [his son] up as a holocaust to the Lord. But a messenger of the Lord stopped him, and told him, [the Lord] will bless you abundantly, and that he would have innumerable descendants. Saint Paul asks, *If God is for us, who can be against us?* For Christ Jesus intercedes for us. In the Gospel, Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up a high mountain, where he is transfigured before them. They see Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus, and from the cloud a voice says, *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.*

### 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.

### Intentions

- Feb 27 ~ 4:00 PM - †Sylvester Dowiasch
- Feb 28 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jeannette C. Duda
- Mar 02 ~ 6:30 PM - †Henry Becker
- Mar 04 ~ 8:00 AM - †Albert Sedevie
- Mar 06 ~ 4:00 PM - †Edward and Anna Kerska
- Mar 07 ~ 8:00 AM - †Allen and Mercedes Christen

### 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.

### Next Week in Service — Mar 7th

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

Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman
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### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **March 3** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 10** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 13** ~ Confirmation Retreat **10 AM–1 PM**
- **March 13** ~ 4:00 PM Confirmation during Mass
- **March 17** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM
- **March 24** ~ Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM

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



**Lenten Devotion of the  
STATIONS of the CROSS  
On March 3rd and each  
Wednesday of Lent  
6:30 PM**

### Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 02/18/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,965.00	\$14,226.42
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
<b>Over Target</b>	\$2,040.00	\$1,301.42
Percent Pledged: 115.78%, Percent Received: 110.07%		
Number Contributing:	36	

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!** Thank you! All funds donated from this point forward will be returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese. **If you have not contributed, now is the time!** Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online>, under Designation, choose: 2020 (445) St. Mary Parish.

### 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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.



Giving Last Week		Week 08	2/21/2021
Adult Env.(21)	\$1,464.25	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$69.00	Received This Week	\$1,988.25
Ash Wed(10)	\$380.00	YTD Needed	\$15,200.00
Memorials	\$50.00	YTD Received	\$12,747.92
Catholic Life(1)	\$25.00	Difference	(2,452.08)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,988.25</b>		

## Parish Announcements

### CRS Rice Bowls: HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



**Student Mite Boxes:** The student boxes support the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). Today it is in 110 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. Under its banner “children helping children”, monies raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources. **Youth are encouraged to support other children around the world by donating during Lent. Boxes are available in the back of church.**



### Free Lenten Materials

There are several different booklets and flyers for Lent in the back of church for adults and children. Feel free to take whatever speaks to you.

**Donations:** We cannot survive without your generosity! Here are some ways to contribute:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *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](http://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley) (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Drop off* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's



### Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements



### Help for Farmers –

#### Rural Resiliency: Caring for You and Yours

4 Week Webinar Series March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights)

This webinar series is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families. Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Rev. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

- March 2—Farm Stress Resiliency and Grief
- March 9—Personality Keys When “Married” to Farm Stress
- March 16—Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children
- March 23—Brain and Behavioral Health “Hacks” to Mitigate Distress.

Questions can be directed to: [tranel@iastate.edu](mailto:tranel@iastate.edu). Registration is available at: [aep.iastate.edu/stress](http://aep.iastate.edu/stress).

### La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Presents: A Lenten Journey Through the Holy Land

Saturday, March 6, 2021, 9:00 am to 12 noon. Our host, Lorraine Riedl, will take us on a virtual walk through the life of Jesus in the Holy Land using photos from a recent pilgrimage.

#### THREE WAYS TO JOIN THE MEETING

- 1) Go to the link at [LDCCW.org](http://LDCCW.org) and click to join
- 2) Manually join on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 826 9510 0524 - Passcode: 449588
- 3) Dial in on phone only at +1 312 626 6799 using the above Meeting ID and Passcode.

### 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. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto: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/safeenvironment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safeenvironment/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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

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## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Free Daily Lenten Reflections

- Sign up for Bishop Barron daily Lenten reflections [lentreflections.com/](http://lentreflections.com/)
- Sign up for “Best Lent Ever” with Matthew Kelly at [dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever)
- Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to “Go Deeper” in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) for adult resources and [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) for children and young people resources.

### Great Resources for Lent

Make Lent 2021 special and life-changing! Go to any or all of these websites and enjoy listening, watching or reading the daily reflections anywhere and anytime! Please go to these links to register.

- <https://relevantradio.com/father-rockys-40-lenten-lessons-mass/#form>
- <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>
- <https://formed.org/>

These are great ways to educate yourself on Catholic Faith! Be inspired to live the faith and love it!

# Pray + Fast + Give

## Week of Feb. 28th Readings

### Monday 1 March

*Daniel 9:4-10*, Daniel prays a great prayer which we could make our own today. The Psalm takes up the same theme of forgiveness.

*Luke 6:36-38*, Pardon is free from God — but it is truly “ours” only when we pardon in return.

### Tuesday 2 March

*Isaiah 1:10, 16-20*, Following an opening command to wash and make ourselves clean, no fewer than seven imperatives help us to think practically of changes in our lives.

*Matthew 23:1-12*, Matthew is aware that religious leaders can “lose the run of themselves,” as we say. This is true in our Gospel of the Pharisees, but the Gospel goes on to issue a warning also to Christian leaders: they are not to be called rabbi or father or teacher. Why is that the case?

### Wednesday 3 March

*Jeremiah 18:18-20*, Jeremiah, an unwilling prophet, had a tough time fulfilling his ministry, with many threats and even landing in jail. His story anticipates the passion of Jesus.

*Matthew 20:17-28*, The sons of Zebedee have overstepped the mark, but it’s a bit rich of the others to be indignant because they are really no different. Christian leadership, rooted in the person and practice of Jesus, simply must be service *and nothing else*.

### Thursday 4 March

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*, As often in the Bible, a choice is placed before us. As the last paragraph is aware, the human heart can be (very!) perverse.

*Luke 16:19-31*, The story of the rich man (*Dives* in Latin) and the poor man, Lazarus, is unique to this Gospel. The point is pretty clear and it would be hard to miss the message. The exploration of the parable in the last paragraph, however, is larded with irony...are we among those who would not be convinced even if *someone* (who?) should rise from the dead?

### Friday 5 March

*Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28*, The ordinary Mass goer might well ask why this reading and what is it about? The story of the rejection of Joseph by his brothers is interesting and significant of it-

## Week of Feb. 28th Readings (cont.)

self. Today, however, it is told to anticipate a similar rejection in the Gospel, the rejection of Jesus and his mission. In the case of Joseph, the rejected one became the saviour when there was a famine in the land of Canaan. Likewise, the rejected Jesus became a savior but not merely to one family but to the whole human race.

*Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*, In the Old Testament, there are passages which talk about Israel as God’s vineyard, a metaphor which undergirds today’s parable. The parable on the lips of Jesus may have been simpler. The version we have in the Gospel reflects the context of Matthew’s community and the later application of Psalms to Jesus’ own death and resurrection.

### Saturday 6 March

*Micah 7:14-15, 18-20*, Today we hear a great prayer for forgiveness, a confident prayer because the Lord is our shepherd. It would make a terrific reflection on God’s mercy and compassion. It does prepare us to hear with fresh ears the parable of the prodigal son.

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*, As often, it can be hard to hear what is so familiar so that we are addressed again, so a special effort is needed. It might be good to focus on the stay-at-home brother and his resentments. Do I find such flinty resistance in myself? In my community? In our society? Even as we find this in ourselves, it is good to recall that the parable ends *without* resolution, open-ended, so that forgiveness and compassion are always possible.

## KIDS CORNER

### ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

*Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!*

God wanted to test Abraham's faith.  
He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God?  $\underline{\quad}$   
 $3-3=\underline{\quad}$

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son,  
or did he stop him?

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 $3+4=\underline{\quad}$   $6+4=\underline{\quad}$   $5-1=\underline{\quad}$

$\underline{\quad}$   $\underline{\quad}$   
 $5-3=\underline{\quad}$   $1+5=\underline{\quad}$

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|---------|-----------|----------|
| 0 YES   | 4 SENT    | 8 BURNED |
| 1 NO    | 5 KILLED  | 9 SWORD  |
| 2 SHEEP | 6 INSTEAD | 10 HIM   |
| 3 COW   | 7 STOPPED |          |



Answer: Yes, He stopped him and sent a sheep instead.

Meditations for the Second Week of Lent

# WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

## Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

— 1 Corinthians 15:51–52

*Dear God, I don't know what lies ahead for me, but I trust that your love will be with me now and until the end of time.*



## He Was Transformed Before Them

Mark 9:2–10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain where he was transfigured before them. When the experience was over, Jesus told them not to say anything about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept silent, but the three of them couldn't help but talk among themselves about what rising from the dead could mean.

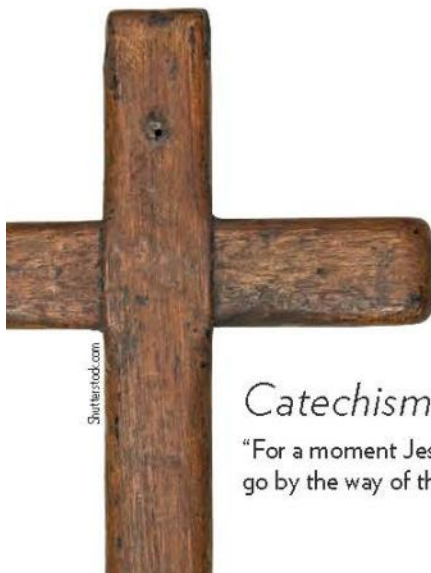
The Transfiguration is a powerful reminder that death is not the end of life. If death meant complete annihilation, as some believe, then Elijah and Moses would not have appeared on either side of Jesus. In this way, the Transfiguration foreshadows the Resurrection. Although the apostles didn't understand what was happening at the time, later, when the

### FOR REFLECTION

- › What would I like transformed in my life by Easter?
- › As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me?
- › What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?

Son of Man had risen from the dead, they were able to understand what the Transfiguration meant.

During this second week of Lent, we are asked to think about how we can be transformed through the power of the risen Lord, and we are reminded that one day we, too, will be resurrected.



## Catechism CONNECTION

“For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to 'enter into his glory.'” — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 555



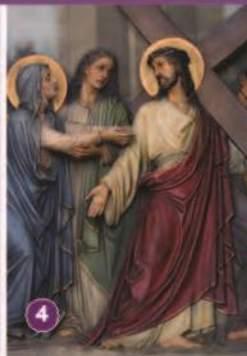
## FAMILY ACTIVITY

# Stations of the Cross



If you cannot attend Stations of the Cross at your parish, create your own. While many Stations in churches are elaborate and ornate, all that is required is to have fourteen crosses, preferably wooden, located so that you can take a step or two between each one. As a family activity, create fourteen crosses from small twigs or branches and place them in a line in your backyard or living room. Walk together as a family, remembering the events of the Passion. At each cross, bow or kneel and say, “Because of your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.”

## Traditional Stations of the Cross



- 1 Jesus Is Condemned to Death
- 2 Jesus Accepts His Cross
- 3 Jesus Falls the First Time
- 4 Jesus Meets His Mother
- 5 Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
- 6 Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
- 7 Jesus Falls the Second Time
- 8 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
- 9 Jesus Falls the Third Time
- 10 Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments
- 11 Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
- 12 Jesus Dies on the Cross
- 13 Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross
- 14 Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb

## OUR FAITH

# The Last Four Things

Saint Alphonsus Liguori recommended that we contemplate the “last four things” especially during Lent. These are: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. While talking about these with children can be difficult, parents can use the season of Lent as a way to gently introduce the topics. One aspect to emphasize is that heaven, as Pope Saint John Paul II said, is not “an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity.” Heaven, then, is living an eternity in the presence of and in relationship with our loving God. Likewise, the Church teaches that hell is not so much a physical place, but the choice to turn away from God and the deep pain of separation from Our Lord (see CCC 1033).



## SIGNS OF THE SEASON

# Mount of Transfiguration

The traditional location for the Mount of Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, about eleven miles west of the Sea of Galilee. Mount Tabor rises about 1,800 feet above the level plain below. It was identified as the site of the Transfiguration as early as the third century by the theologian Origen. The Church of the Transfiguration, a Franciscan church built on the ruins of a centuries-old Byzantine church, now stands at the summit of Mount Tabor.