

St. Mary's Parish

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Pentecost—May 31, 2020*

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley
Weekend Masses (beginning May 30/31, 2020):

- 4:00 PM Saturday (limited to 30 people)
- 8:00 AM Sunday (limited to 30 people)
- 10:30 AM Sunday (limited to 30 people)

Weekday Mass:
Cancelled until further notice

Local Parishes—Mass Times
Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua
Cancelled until further notice
St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge
Cancelled until further notice
St. Peter, Middle Ridge
Cancelled until further notice

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

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 Baptism: Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. 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 back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

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Pentecost

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020—Weekend Readings

- 1) Genesis 11: 1-9
- 2) Romans 8: 22-29
- 3) John 7: 37-39



Faith Walk is a free website and app for Catholics to strengthen their relationship with Christ and the Church; resources include Mass preparations, prayer guides, bible studies and small group prompts. <https://www.myfaithwalk.org>

Intentions

Intentions will be prayed for privately by Father Matt on the day scheduled, please add these intentions to your own, in your prayers from home.

May 30 ~ 4:00 PM - †Anna Kerska

May 31 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family

May 31 ~ 10:30 AM - †Leyton and Helen Staflien

June 2 ~ The safety of our military in the U.S. and around the world and their families.

June 3 ~ †Deceased members of the Fleming and Ollendick Families

June 5 ~ †Ben and Sandy Roskos

June 6 ~ 4:00 PM - Don and Roxanne Weber Family

June 7 ~ 8:00 AM - †Frank LeJeune

June 7 ~ 10:30 AM - †Don Kammel

Giving Last Week		Week 21	5/24/2020
Adult Env.	\$144.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$100.00	Received This Week	\$244.00
Total	\$244.00	Run. Tot. Needed	\$39,900.00
		YTD Received	\$37,781.64
5 Weekend Env	Received	Difference	(2,118.36)

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Saturday at 7:00 PM**— Join Fr. Matt online at <https://meet.jit.si/AtHomeSundayPrayers>.

New Mass Time Schedule

starting May 30/31, 2020

- Saturday, May 30 @ 4:00 PM (limited to 30 people)
- Sunday, May 31 @ 8:00 AM (limited to 30 people)
- Sunday, May 31 @ 10:30 AM (limited to 30 people)

- **Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday Noon to 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing and Maximum of 10 persons)

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Log in to: amazon.com/smile and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" or simply click the link on our parish website: stmarycv.org

Televised Masses:

WXOW CH 19 La Crosse – Sunday: 9:30 AM
EWTN (cable/sat.) – Sunday: 7 AM & 11 AM Daily:
 7 AM & 6 PM

FOX 25-48 Winona Diocese—7:00 AM

Catholic Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic Cable Television Vernon Telephone Cable – Chan. 143

MediaCom Chan 15 – Coon Valley

Chan 74 – La Crosse also available via satellite

Online:

La Crosse Diocese: <https://diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/> or live <https://diolc.org/live> . Daily at 8 AM, Sunday at 9:30 AM

Annual Appeal 2019-2020

As of 05/29/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$15,547.50	\$15,007.50
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Over Target	\$3,792.50	\$3,252.50
Percent Pledged: 132.26%, Percent Received: 127.67%		
Number Contributing:	41	

From Fr. Matt

- Fr. Matt is in need of equipment and a person skilled with that equipment for recording a Mass once a week. Please let him know if you can be of help!

- Fr. Matt will continue to **post his homilies** online via our parish website. Please visit <https://www.stmarycv.org/homilies> to listen. The homilies will be posted each Friday for that Sunday.

- Reminder: Contact Fr. Matt each week to let him know 1) when intend to come back to Mass and 2) if you have a Mass time preference. This will help our parish plan out Mass attendance for the immediate future.

- Thank you to the following persons who so generously made reusable masks for free distribution here at our parish: **Karen Tekippe, Beverly Gruening, Doris Zunkev, Phyllis Lunden, and Carol Gruening.** If you want to send a thank you: Save a Life Group, 2033 Grand Ave., Apt. 167, Schofield, WI 54476.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

St. Joseph Community Blood Drive

June 8, 2020 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM at N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse WI. Walk ins welcome but appointments are highly encouraged. Schedule online at <https://bit.ly/givejune8> or call 877-BE-A HERO. For more info go to Versiti.org

Cleaning Position Available

St. Joseph Ridge Parish is seeking to immediately employ a part-time cleaning person. Cleaner will be responsible for the Rectory, Church and School, totaling approximately 8 hours every two weeks. Must be able to pass a background check, be willing to be fingerprinted and complete Safe Environment training. Send letter or resume with references to:

St. Joseph Ridge Parish, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS
2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!
BELONG TO SOMETHING
GREAT IN COLLEGE.**

**Connect to Campus Ministry
signup.newmanconnection.com**

Parish Announcements

Your Continued Support is much appreciated!

If you are able, please continue to support the church as you are able. Our parish will continue to have financial obligations such as utilities, repairs, maintenance, supplies, payroll, education and obligations to the Diocese of La Crosse for Catholic Schools.

We are accepting **donations through the mail** and if you use online banking, please consider adding St. Mary's Parish to your **Bill Pay** by setting up St. Mary's Parish as payment and it will be mailed directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number). Online services now available: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley.

Online Giving to St. Mary's

<https://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley/>

(a 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount)

Bulletins—lets stay connected!

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- **If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).**

LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention Scholarship

– **Date Extended** For the past several years, through a generous grant, people from our diocese who work with young people have been able to attend this convention for free. There are a few more scholarships available. The convention has been postponed to September 16-19, 2020. If you have not attended this convention, or know of someone who has not attended this convention, please email Andrew Brueggen, LifeTeen Area Coordinator at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com

Cathedral Live Stream Mass Schedule

The Cathedral Live Stream Schedule is available at diolc.org/live

Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral
Mass in English – 8:00am
Mass in Spanish – 8:30am
Live Sunday Mass from the Cathedral Mass in
English – 9:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish – 10:30 a.m.

A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration—The in-person 50th wedding anniversary Masses have been canceled. But a special Mass with Bishop Callahan will be held this year via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 12 from the

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Diocesan/Local Announcements Continued

Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting <https://diolc.org/marriage/> on and after July 12.

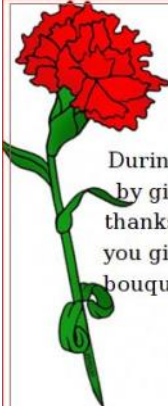
HEALING: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World

Join the Conference by Dr. Mary Healy held at Mary Mother of the Church on June 13, 2020. Sessions 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM with a Healing Service at 6:30 PM. No Registration, No Charge, Just Come, Jesus is Calling. Meals will not be provided. However, coffee, water and snacks will be available throughout the day. You are encouraged to bring your own lunch and perhaps enough to share. There will be a list of nearby restaurants available at the info table. Schedule: 8:30 AM Gathering. 9:00 AM Praise & Worship. 9:30 AM Jesus: Healer of Souls & Bodies. 10:30 AM Stretch Break. 10:40 AM Walking in the Supernatural. 11:45 AM—1:15 PM Lunch Break. 1:15 PM Praise & Worship. 1:45 PM How to Pray for Healing. 2:45 PM Practicum. 3:15 PM Wrap-up/Announcements (Break before Healing Service). 4:00 PM Parish Mass available. 6:30 PM Healing Service

Queen of the Americas Guild Annual Conference

July 31-August 1, 2020 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us for this two day conference/retreat examining Our Lady of Guadalupe's relationship to Human Life and Its Cradle in the Family Formed by Marriage. Enhance your faith and learn more about the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the history of our Faith. Visit: queenoftheamericasguild.org, call 630-584-1822 or email staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org. Flyers are also in the back of church.


Adventure Camp: Here are the dates for Adventure Camp this summer! We hope that you will bring a group and join us. This is for youth in grades 6-12. To register and get more details, please visit: <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/> Week 1: June 21-26, 2020; Week 2: June 28-July 3, 2020; Week 3: July 19-24, 2020 .



Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

During the month of June, celebrate fatherhood by giving in memory, celebration, gratitude or thanksgiving for a special dad in your life. When you give, Pro-Life Wisconsin will send a spiritual bouquet to let him know you are praying for him the whole month long.

www.ProLifeWI.org/carnations



Weekday Readings

Monday 1 June—Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20—The story of the Fall, read for the feast, explores the human condition, the journey from innocence to knowledge, the consequences of choice and the final victory of the goodness.

John 19:25-34—For the feast, the first part of the Gospel is taken rather literally. In reality, the “mother” in the Fourth Gospel refers to the Jewish matrix of Christianity while the Beloved Disciple models emerging Christian discipleship. John’s Gospel is full of deeper meaning. For example, instead of simply saying Jesus died, we read “he handed over his spirit.” The Spirit will be the first gift of the risen Lord.

Tuesday 2 June

Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs 2 Peter 3:11-15, 17-18

Our attitude to time says a lot about us. The reading today asks us to see each day as a gift and an opportunity.

Mark 12:13-17—It is easy to recognize what “belongs to Caesar”? What about what “belongs to God”? What is God asking of me, personally, right now?

Wednesday 3 June

St Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs

The second letter to Timothy is a post-Pauline epistle designed to bring the teaching of the apostle to a new generation in a different context. It is presented in the form of a “last will and testament.” As such, the letter touches on themes not typical of the great man himself: the deposit of faith, the emerging tradition and the need to see who will carry on the leadership.

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12—There are sentiments in this reading that make it sound like it was written for us today: am I sometimes ashamed of the Gospel myself? Do I need to fan into a flame the calling I have received?

Mark 12:18-27—Some Sadducees present Jesus with a fairly absurd argument. Notice, however the force of the present tense in Jesus’ response: *I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob. He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.*

Thursday 4 June

2 Timothy 2:8-15—At the center of our reading today, the writer quotes some poetic lines from an early Christian hymn. The affirmations are powerful and, at the same time, unsettling.

Mark 12:28-34—It is really good to ask ourselves from time to time what is at the very heart of our faith, what is at the center. Jesus’ response still speaks to us today.

Friday 5 June, St Boniface, bishop and martyr

2 Timothy 3:10-17—The tone is not quite like St Paul in this reading and probably represents a later reception of his example of faithfulness. Nevertheless, it has lost none of its force for later generations. We can as well see the firming up of tradition as a kind of “deposit”, also a little unlike the great apostle himself.

Saturday 6 June, St Norbert, bishop

2 Timothy 4:1-8—In this reading, it becomes clear what kind of writing this is. 2 Timothy is in the style and tone of “last will and testament”, a genre well-known and often used at the period. The concern is how will the tradition stay alive and relevant for another generation. A question for us too!

Mark 12:28-42—The widow in the story is really a symbol of vulnerability and powerlessness. She makes powerful contrast with the grandest contributing from their excess!

At Home Sunday Prayers

Gathering

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We are made in the image of God, the God who welcomes us into the love God is. We ask God's Spirit to reunite us now, to heal us. May we become whole, within and without:



[PAUSE]

Spirit of mercy...Lord, have mercy: *Lord, have mercy.*
Spirit of understanding...Lord, have mercy: *Lord, have mercy.*
Spirit of peace...Lord, have mercy: *Lord, have mercy.*

Blessed be God who have given us a new birth through water and the Holy Spirit! Where sin has abounded grace far surpasses through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray:

God of all, for fifty days we have celebrated the mystery of your love revealed. Send your Spirit to strengthen and unite our hearts. Help us to proclaim Good News to all with our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. *Amen.*

Readings

Gen 11: 1- 9

Ps 104

Rom 8: 22 - 27

Jn 7: 37 - 39

Reflection

It's gonna take some getting used to for me to get back in the swing of celebrating Eucharist at church again! Trying to figure out what so say in the homily just felt weird this week, too. COVID has made so much feel weird. And that's why I have found the 2nd reading so comforting this week. In so many words, Paul seems to be saying that "I don't know" or "I don't understand" or "I can't" can be prayer. Beautiful, beautiful prayers. This week, helpfully, the Holy Spirit speaking to Paul, speaking to us, reminds us that life is complicated and we don't have to have it all sorted out. How freeing! How restful! How hard!!! Because we don't like to admit that we don't know something. We don't feel good when we have reached our limit. But we still are- We still are good! We are human beings, not human doings.

The Holy Spirit has a lot to teach us. Pentecost has a lot to teach us. This weekend we celebrate a moment in the Church's life, the beginning of the Church's life really, when there wasn't an instruction manual. There still isn't! Then and now, we simply have a Someone who promises to BE with us. That sorts things out. It doesn't end problems automatically. It doesn't give solutions without effort. But it sustains us until, in time, things sort out. The Holy Spirit sustains us as things sort out. As we remember with thanksgiving, God who never leaves our side, we pray that we will bear more patiently with ourselves and others too. Just like God. Life is complicated. Its bigger than we have words for. But if we can patiently stay with one another, be with one another, life is very do-able. For those who learn to just wait and learn, for those who receive the gentle, accompanying presence of the Spirit there is always new strength to be found. Life-giving water, a hidden spring, that we can always draw from. A restful place, with a friend at our side.

At Home Sunday Prayers Continued

Petitions

The Spirit of God cries out within us and so we pray. Some prayers are spoken, many stir silently in our hearts:

For the Church...may we pass along generously the Spirit we have received, the Spirit and way of life of the Lord Jesus: we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our world so divided and violent...we remember especially the community of the Twin Cities suffering so much because of racism. Lord, teach us compassion; help us to see what our neighbor sees: we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

That our Sunday Eucharist, our Sunday thanks, fills our hearts with joy and makes us a fount of life for those around us: we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the petitions in our Book of Prayer. We pray for the needs of the whole world...we pause and let the Spirit expand our hearts: [PAUSE] we pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Anna Kerska, Leyton Stafslie, and all the departed. May the Spirit which raised Jesus from death bring us all to new and everlasting life. We pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Holy Spirit, your voice is in every cry from our hearts; you fill all that is. May your accompanying presence encourage us on our way, and help us to share generously that gift with others. You are always at our side, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sending

The Spirit we have received sets us free and gives us the courage to say:

Our Father...

May the Spirit, present when the Gospel was first proclaimed, find in our hearts now the freedom to continue God's work in all places and times, and for every person. We make this prayer in the name and Spirit of Jesus who is Lord forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us
because God has anointed us
to bring good news to the poor.
God sends us to proclaim liberty to captives,
to give sight to the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
and to proclaim
this time is holy to the Lord of all.
(Luke 4)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.