

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time
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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 Stafshien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon
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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed vacancy)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

MUSICIANS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and 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.stmaryscv.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 fatherjoerichards@gmail.com You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: www.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.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

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

August 20, 2023

Readings: 635A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings August 20, 2023

1) *Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; 2) Romans 11:13-15, 29-32:*
3) *Matthew 15:21-28*

Intentions

Aug 19 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Aug 20 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Dickman
Aug 22 ~ 5:15 PM - † Eugene and Elizabeth Freit
Aug 24 ~ 8:00 AM - † Mary Joan Meyer and Storey Meyer
Aug 26 ~ 4:00 PM - † Deceased members of the Roskos and Ronigen Families
Aug 27 ~ 8:00 AM - † Betty Callan

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 29. Nov 19. Dec 31.

Weekdays open: Oct 24. Nov 23 & 28. Dec 7, 12, 19, & 28. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 19/20** ~ Mission Coop weekend
- **Aug 27** ~ St. Mary's Viroqua picnic after 10:30 Mass at Eckhart Park
- **Sept 6** ~ Photo shoot for Directory 2:20 to 8:35 PM
- **Sept 12** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM
- **Sept 19** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting
- **Sept 26** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:20 PM to 8:35 PM
- **Sept 27** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:20 PM to 8:35 PM
- **Oct 8** ~ Our *Annual Pancake Breakfast*

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:

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

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7:15am to 7:45am



Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time) and **Thurs. from Mass until noon.**

Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand (608-606-9787)* or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.



Next Week in Service — Aug 26/27

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

Readers:	Sat. – Nancy Peters	Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Graboski and Bernie Roesler	

Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT/ACH. Your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of August 11, 2023
Pledges received at the Diocese(26):
\$92,720.00

Payments received at the Diocese: \$24,210.00
Under Goal (\$12,280.00)
Percent of Goal Pledge: 88.30%
Percent of Goal Received: 23.06%



Needed for the Month of July

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$3,334.25	Received first 2 weeks
(\$4,665.75)	Short for the Month



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 32	8/13/2023
Adult Env(34)	\$1980.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	119.00	Received This Week	\$2,217.00
Assumption	50.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$66,000.00
<u>Votives</u>	<u>\$68.00</u>	YTD Received	\$56,257.01
Total	<u>\$2,217.00</u>	Difference	(9,742.99)
Food Pantry	\$95.00		

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

Two quick notes from Fr. Joe:

First, next weekend **St. Mary's in Viroqua is hosting a parish picnic at Eckhart Park after the 10:30 Mass** – head on down and enjoy some fine grilled meats and time with each other in the (hopeful) 74 degree sun!

Second, last week we mentioned that **Fr. Michael is here this weekend for our annual Mission appeal**. These appeals are given throughout the Diocese by various missionary parties to support the work they do. Here's a note from the Missions Office about what Fr. Michael is sharing with us this weekend:

The MCP Mission Appeal is authorized by Most Reverend Damiano Guzzetti, Bishop of Moroto Diocese in northeast Uganda. A priest of the diocese, Fr. Michael Apurio is his representative. The appeal focuses on the following needs and seeks prayers and financial contributions to see them completed:

1. To support the rural apostolate by empowering and facilitating evangelizing ministers through training and formation of future priests, religious and catechists.
2. To support diocesan health programs for war victims, orphans, the aged, HIV/AIDS patients and their families, widows and widowers. Other programs seek to grow the evangelization and strengthening of Christian families. Many children are left orphaned because of HIV/AIDS and previous violence during episodes of cattle rustling. The diocese provides care and support to these children.
3. To support youth ministry by promoting youth training, sports activities, retreats for moral and spiritual formation, vocational training at Naoi Diocesan Technical School. Since many youths are school dropouts and are jobless, they become vulnerable to crime, alcohol, and drug abuse: they go gambling and engage in criminal activities. The diocese tries to evangelize both rural and school youth.
4. To support education in Catholic founded schools. The diocese invests in education to improve the human condition of the people. Currently, the illiteracy rate is very high, nearly 90% of the people have not had school education. A majority are pastoralists and survive on subsistence living under hostile climate conditions. An orphanage in Naoi Parish, currently with one building, needs second classroom building to provide a learning environment for children without parents. Support for seminaries and education of girl-child prone to forced marriages for bride wealth, are among the many areas of need.
5. To support social services and development programs in order to provide safe water sources for parishes and sustainable livelihood with food security and the promotion of peasant farming.

Any support you are able to offer is appreciated and valuable. Please use the envelopes provided. Donations are to be sent to the parish and will be forwarded in total to the Mission Office. Tax credit will be included on your Year End parish tithing statement. Thank you for your prayers and the sacrifices you make on behalf of the people in Moroto Diocese. God bless.

(And again from Fr. Joe) Thank you all for your generosity and for supporting Fr. Michael's work. God bless you, and I'll see you very soon!

~Fr. Joe



**Don't miss the opportunity to get a free portrait of you and your family!
Book Now for the church photo directory!**

Thank you to all parishioners who have scheduled their appointments to have their picture taken for our new church directory. If you discover you need to change your appointment day or time please contact Clarice Kammel.

Committee members have been trying to contact all those who haven't scheduled yet so please return their calls if they've left you a message. It would be great if all members of our parish were included in the directory as we probably won't do another again for many years. **All those who do have their pictures taken will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free directory.** This does not cost you anything unless you decide to purchase more pictures.

Those of you who would like to still sign up on your own may do so. Just sign into the [website www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and use church code **wi259** and password **photos**.

Parish Announcements

We are proud to announce the baptism of:

Callan Douglas Raasch

Child of Jeffrey and Courtney (Rucker) Raasch



~ We welcome him to the church and congratulate his parents ~

Event Photos for the Directory

If you have taken photos of any recent parish events such as: Spring Luncheon, Youth Celebration-Graduates, Confirmants, 1st Communicants, Community Picnic, Pancake Breakfast, Craft Sale, etc. Please email them to the parish office at: stmaryscv@mwt.net for consideration in the Photo directory.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

“I am not alone in my grief”

Listening Together: A Monthly Grief Support Group meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Laurie Swan facilitates. The next session is Aug. 14. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Grief Circle, five-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting September 13. Karna Marks and Kay Kienetz facilitate. Cost is \$50 for the series or \$20 with discount code GRIEF60.

Death Café, open conversation about death, dying, loss and grief, meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 28. Erica G. Srinivasan facilitates. Free to attend. No registration necessary.

Moving Through Grief, six-week series, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays starting October 4. Cathie Boerboom, RGS, facilitates. Cost is \$125 for the series or \$50 with discount code GRIEF60.

For information or to register contact **Franciscan Spirituality Center** | 920 Market Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 | 608-791-5295 or online at: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/>

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima Parish Visitation Schedule - Aug 26

The Statue of Fatima will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 26th from 10:25 AM-4:30 PM along with 2nd Class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto. See the flyer in back of church for other parish dates throughout the Diocese.

Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome - Sep 13

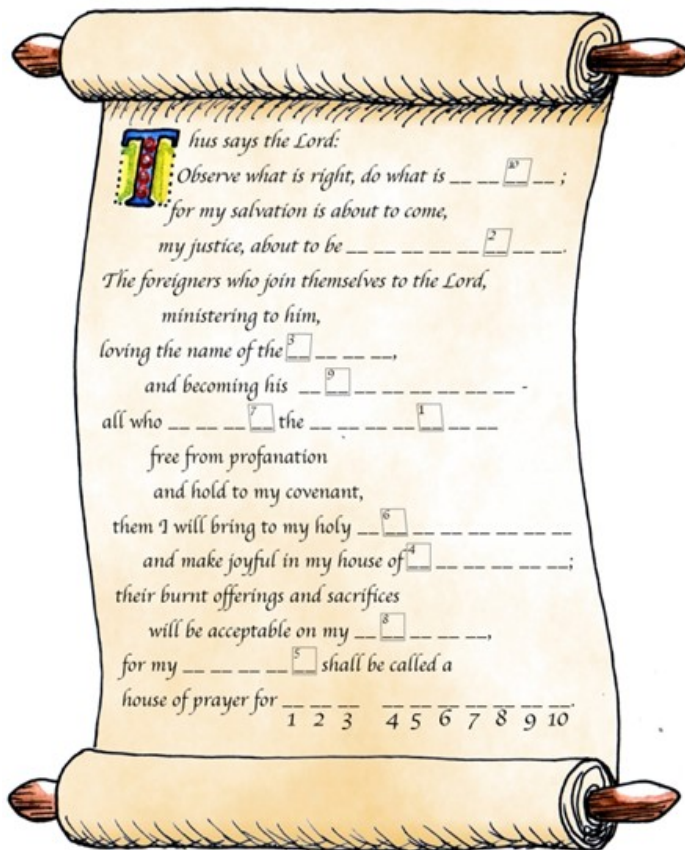
The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour! Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Activity Corner

Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks. Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



ALTAR	REVEALED	KEEP
HOUSE	MOUNTAIN	JUST
PRAYER	SERVANTS	LORD
	SABBATH	

Answers: just, revealed, Lord, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayers, altar, house, ALL PEOPLES.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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