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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm
Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Upon request

PARISH OFFICE

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Niki Haugh

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,
Mike Kammel, Jim Prindle and Steve Schulte.
(2 appointed vacancies)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

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

ORANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris
Carskadon.

Fr. Matt also serving at:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM
Sunday10:30 AM
Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 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: Call or email Fr. Matt. You
can also use 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 AND
mmarshall@diolclergy.org. 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.

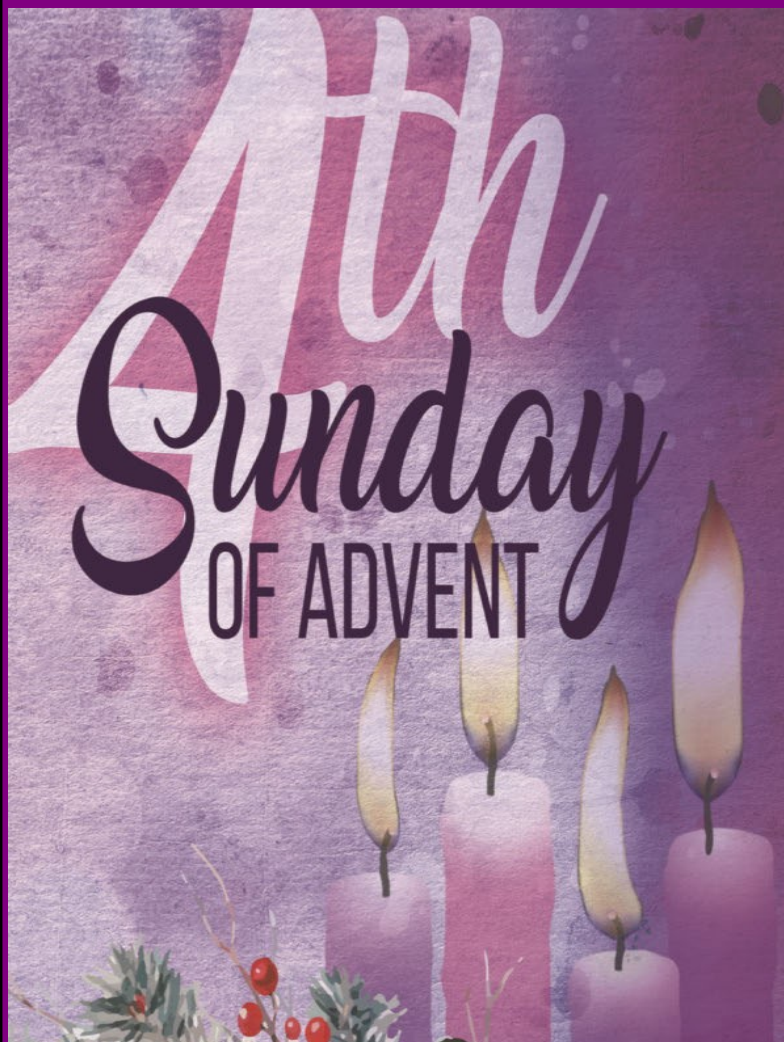
St. Mary's Parish

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*"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord
should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your
greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for
joy." ~Lk 1:43-44*

Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

December 19, 2021

Readings: 488C

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

- 1) Micah 5:1-4a
- 2) Hebrews 10:5-10
- 3) Luke 1:39-45

FOCUS: Christian communities are called to share in joy.

The interaction between Mary and Elizabeth can teach us about Christian community. The women share in the joy of being a part of God's plan. Likewise, Christians can draw together to celebrate with one another, as well as to support one another.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Micah prophesies that the ruler of Israel will come from Bethlehem-Ephrathah. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes that Christ said that he had come to do God's will and that all *have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*. In the Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth and the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps at the sound of Mary's voice.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **December 19** ~ Blue Christmas Service, Immanuel Lutheran, Viroqua—6:30 pm
- **December 20** ~ Cathedral will be having a *Confessathon* (all day confessions) from 9am – 6 pm!
- **Christmas Eve (Friday, Dec. 24th)** - 4:00 p.m. here and 8:00 p.m. at Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua.
- **Christmas Day (Saturday, Dec. 25th)** - 8:00 a.m. here and 10:30 a.m. at Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua
*There will be **no vigil Mass on Saturday Dec. 25th** (4pm and 6:30pm) at either St Mary's Coon Valley or ABVM Parish, Viroqua. Regular Mass times will resume on Sunday morning December 26th.*
- **January 16** ~ Religious Education Class following Mass

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)

Next Week in Service — Dec 24/25/26

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

Reader:	Friday/Saturday/Sunday -Volunteer
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

Intentions

Dec 18 ~ 4:00 PM - †Helen Stafslin
Dec 19 ~ 8:00 AM - †Stella Hohlfeld
Dec 21 ~ 6:30 PM - †William and Rose Marie LeJeune
Dec 23 ~ 8:00 AM - †Edward Kerska
Dec 24 ~ 4:00 PM - †Bernie and Cecilia Humfeld
Dec 25 ~ 8:00 AM - †Deceased members of the Roskos and Roningen Families
Dec 25 ~ 4:00 PM - NO MASS
Dec 26 ~ 8:00 AM - †James Malin

Donations:

Here are some ways to support your parish:

- 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 (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).
- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

Sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 12/16/2021	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$4,165.00	\$3,965.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,020.00</u>	<u>\$14,020.00</u>
Under Target	(\$9,855.00)	(\$10,055.00)
Percent Pledged: 29.71%, Percent Received: 28.28%		
Number Contributing:	17	

[Give online at https://diolc.org/donate-online/](https://diolc.org/donate-online/) be sure and choose "2021 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley"



Giving Last Week

		Week 50	12/12/2021
Adult Env.(38)	\$2891.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$225.00	Received This Week	\$3,266.00
Memorials	25.00	Running total needed	\$97,400.00
Immac. Concep	<u>125.00</u>	YTD Received	\$92,391.05
Total	<u>\$3,266.00</u>	Difference	(5,008.95)
Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$245.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$440.00		

Parish Announcements

2022 Envelopes and Calendars

Your envelope booklets for 2022 are now available in the back of church. Please help us save on mailing expense by picking yours up today. If you cannot find your booklet or you do not currently use envelopes and would like a booklet please leave a message at the parish office. The beautiful 2022 calendars are also available for pickup in the back of church. These calendars include all the important liturgical dates for the year.



If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early. **Sunday Masses** have openings starting January 16, 2022. **Saturdays** have openings beginning March 5, 2020 (all the Saturdays are booked for January and February 2022). **Weekdays** have openings beginning January 4, 2022. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or call on a Tues. or Wed.



Christmas Flowers

We are accepting donations for Christmas flowers through this weekend. Please find the envelopes in the back of Church. Current list of donors is posted in the back of church.

Advent Reconciliation Options

Monday, December 20 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse from 9 AM until 6 PM. A priest and confessional assignment schedule is posted in the back of church.

Wednesday, December 22 at St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge with Fr. Biju and Fr. Hilary (from Viterbo) starting at 6 PM until no persons are present.



2021 End-of-Year Contributions

All donations that need to be recorded for the 2021 tax year must be submitted on or before December 30th at 12:00pm. All donations to the office by this time will be posted to the 2021 year-end tax statement. Any payments made after the deadline will post to the 2022 year-end tax statement.

Religious Give Thanks-Retirement Fund for Religious

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Registration for Classes Now Open

We will begin in person classes starting on January 16, 2022. Please register your child (ren). Classes are FREE! However, we do need a headcount as soon as possible for planning purposes. All previously enrolled families should have received a form in the mail, otherwise there are forms available in the back of church and online at: www.stmarycv.org/religious-education. Download, fill out, and return to the parish.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday Dec 19 at 6:30 PM there will be a Blue Christmas Service at Immanuel Lutheran in Viroqua. Right around the longest night of the year each year, Immanuel offers an hour of prayer, meditation, and music to help bring some light into our hearts during the holidays. Though for some the holidays are a very celebratory time, for others they are a time with a lot of hurts and grief. Come either to seek peace, or to pray for the peace of others. All are welcome!

Televised Mass Schedule for Christmas

- ☐ Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- ☐ La Crosse, Channel 19, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- ☐ Livestream from the Cathedral at Midnight on Christmas Eve (with Bishop Callahan), and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas morning diolc.org/live.
- ☐ The Mass for Christmas is also available any time on the Diocesan Facebook page and website, diolc.org.

Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Christmas video message for you at: <https://youtu.be/-FbheRLg4eI>.

St. Joseph Ridge Parish Gun Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each will be sold after Mass at St. Joseph Ridge Parish or by contacting Fr. Biju or the St. Joseph Ridge Parish Office 608-788-1646 (only 500 tickets available). Prizes:

1st Prize: Ruger American Camo 350 Legend; **2nd Prize:** Weatherby 12 ga, Automatic; **3rd Prize:** Browning A-Bolt Synthetic 243; **4th Prize:** Legends LSI Pointers 12 ga. Automatic; **5th Prize:** Savage Axis XP-243 w/scope. Drawing will be held at the February Friday Fun Night at St. Joseph Ridge Parish School on February 25, 2021 at 9 PM.

2022 Pilgrimage for Life

We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. For more information visit: <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life-2022/>

New Comic Book on the "Champion of the Poor"

A new action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan, where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous Champion of the Poor. Pre-order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. Visit: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

Help those Devastated by the Recent Tornadoes in Several States

Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities' website—CCLSE.org—click on "Donate Today," and enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.



This Weeks Readings by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

Monday 20 December *Isaiah 7:10-14* This passage from Isaiah is explicitly cited in Matthew's account of the annunciation to Joseph in a dream.

Luke 1:26-38 The annunciation to Mary (the fourth in our sequence) matches the pattern of Old Testament annunciation scenes and then, significantly, breaks it. Mary is open to God's call.

Tuesday 21 December *Song of Songs 2:8-14* You may be surprised to hear in Advent a reading often used at weddings. It is however very suitable for two reasons. (1) Love is the 'reason for the season' as they say. (2) Like the lover bounding over the hills, Mary in the Gospel travels across the hill country to visit Elizabeth, her cousin. *Zephaniah 3:14-18* This delightful reading already appeared on the third Sunday of Advent this year. Being such a ringing invitation to rejoice, it is good to hear it again. The image of God dancing for joy is, perhaps, not so usual among us!!

Luke 1:39-45 Luke joins his two strands of narrative in this encounter between the two mothers. We notice the deep things said about Jesus before his birth.

Wednesday 22 December *1 Samuel 1:24-28* Hannah very much wanted to have a baby and, after the child's birth, sang a great song of thanksgiving. Hannah's song was the inspiration behind Mary's song of thanksgiving, the Magnificat, in Luke's Gospel.

Luke 1:46-56 Our responsorial "psalm"—the Song of Hannah—closely resembles the prayer of Mary in the Magnificat. Although this purports to be the meeting of the two pregnant cousins, very little is said of the children to come and instead we hear a great deal about social upheaval and reversal.

Thursday 23 December *Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24* To music lovers, this reading will sound familiar, from Handel's Messiah. Malachi says that a figure like Elijah will usher in the end. This was taken to John the Baptist who ushered in, so to speak, the Messiah and the messianic age.

Luke 1:57-66 The birth of John is told to lay the foundation for the similar yet significantly different birth of Jesus. Both come as the result of a promise. On both occasions, there is "treasuring in the heart." Both children will enjoy the blessing of God. And yet, one is the forerunner and the other is the Christ.

Friday 24 December *2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16* Anyone who comes to Mass on this morning will hear a striking reading from 2 Samuel 7: in reality one of the key texts in the Old Testament. It portrays the fidelity of God as seen in God's loyalty to David and his house. It makes for a great final reflection as we come to mark the birth of Jesus, the son of David, in whom all of God's faithfulness came to be for us. There is some word play in today's reading: house means temple, residence and family line. Even in Nathan's correction of David, a tremendous promise of God's faithful through time, it comes to expression.

Luke 1:67-79 The Benedictus takes up the theme of the House of David and goes on to praise God who is now fulfilling in John and in Jesus his promises of old. The future role of John the Baptist is hauntingly evoked: to prepare the way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins; this by the tender mercy of our God.

KIDS CORNER

Family Activity—New Questions Each Week Sharing Advent and Christmas Joys and Memories

As the "busy-ness" of Christmas increases, take time each day as a family to share Advent and Christmas joys and memories. Each evening at dinner or at another convenient time, choose one or two questions to share and discuss. (from Missionary Childhood Association)

1. Who in your school (or workplace) needs your prayers this season?
2. Tell a funny Christmas story.
3. What is your favorite memory from last Christmas?
4. How do you think children in the Missions celebrate Christmas? (Perhaps, as a family, you could research one or two traditions from the Missions.)
5. Name three gifts you received last year?
6. Complete this sentence, "This Christmas I'd like to..."
7. What is your favorite thing to eat during the Advent or Christmas Season?
8. If you could tell Jesus one thing this season what would it be?



Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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Answer Blessed are you among women..

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a week until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.

