

# St. Mary's Parish

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## St. Mary's, Coon Valley

### Weekend Masses (**NEW TIMES**):

- 4:00 PM Saturday (max 30 people)

- 8:00 AM Sunday (max 30 people)

### Weekday Mass:

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

### Area Parishes—Mass Times

#### Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sun. 10:30 AM and 5:15 PM

#### St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. 8:00 PM and Sun. 10:30 AM

**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>

**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>

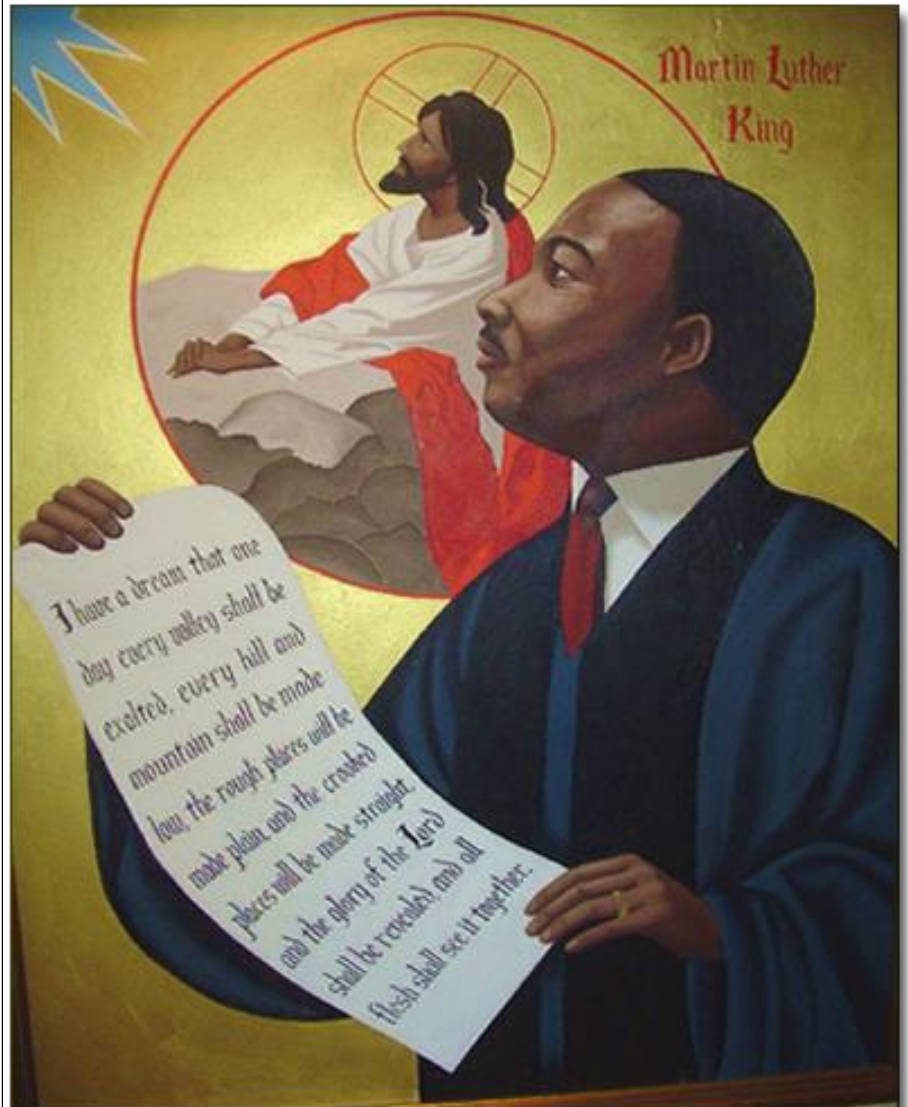
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [frmatmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:frmatmarshall@gmail.com). You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

### Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you know is in need of 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.



(from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Oakland, CA)

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Fr. Matthew Marshall**  
Pastor

December 6, 2020

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

## Second Sunday of Advent

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- 2) 2 Peter 3:8-14
- 3) Mark 1:1-8

**FOCUS:** Stay awake, for the day of the Lord is at hand.

The voice of God breaks into our world through sacred Scripture and the witness of modern-day disciples. Does it resound and echo in our thoughts, words, and actions, forming and shaping our lives? Or, is it dulled and dimmed by our worldly ways? Now is the time to listen, now is the time to act, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord in giving comfort to his people, proclaiming the service of Jerusalem at an end – and that her guilt is expiated. They are to *prepare the way of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed*, and he will shepherd them with care. In the second reading, Peter writes to his community that *the day of the Lord will come like a thief*. Therefore, they ought to conduct themselves *in holiness and devotion ... eager to be found without spot or blemish before him*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist heralds the coming of Jesus as he exhorts his listeners to turn away from sin and be baptized.

### Intentions

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| Dec 05 ~ 8:00 AM - †Anna Kerska                        |
| Dec 06 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jeanette C. Duda                   |
| <b>Dec 08 ~ 8:00 AM - †Norbert and Arlene Seichter</b> |
| Dec 10 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ronald Hammes                      |
| Dec 12 ~ 8:00 AM - †Edward Kerska                      |
| Dec 13 ~ 8:00 AM - †Tom, Jim, and Dick Ruff            |

### Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 12/3/20	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$3,165.00	\$2,965.00
Target Amount	<u>\$12,925.00</u>	<u>\$12,925.00</u>
<b>Over Target</b>	(\$9,760.00)	(\$9,960.00)
Percent Pledged: 24.49%, Percent Received: 22.94%		
Number Contributing:	16	

### Next Week in Service — Dec 13th

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland
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### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **December 06** ~ RE Class for grades K-4 after Mass
  - **December 08** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—*Holy Day, Mass at 8:00AM\* \*this is an updated time from previous publication*
  - **December 13** ~ RE Class for grades 5-10 after Mass
  - **December 20** ~ Blue Christmas Service with Immanuel Lutheran (time TBD)
  - **December 24** ~ Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM-**signup for attendance**
  - **December 25** ~ Christmas Day Mass 8:00 AM-**signup for attendance**
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- 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 Noon to 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)

#### 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.

#### 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 48	
Adult Env.(16)	\$1180.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$47.00	Received This Week	\$91,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1312.00</b>	YTD Needed	\$83,369.57
		YTD Received	(7,830.43)
Food Pantry	\$85.00	Difference	(7,242.43)

#### 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.

## From Fr. Matt

- **Advent Reflection Books** are available in the back of church. Parishioners from both Coon Valley and Viroqua contributed as authors. Thank you to our neighbors for generously sharing from their own hearts. We hope they are a wonderfully helpful resource for your prayer in Advent!

- Dec 8th, **Immaculate Conception, Holy Day Mass**  
\*\*\*\*\***Correction: 8:00 AM**\*\*\*\*\*

## Parish Announcements

### Christmas Mass Liturgical Ministry Sign Up

If you are an Usher, Reader, Communion Minister or Altar Server and are able to help with Christmas Mass, please sign up in the back of church. Thank you.

### Christmas Mass Attendance

If you are planning to attend Mass for Christmas, please sign up in the back of church. For safety reasons we need to keep the crowd to the 25% capacity. Thank you for understanding. Fr. Matt will also be streaming the Mass on Facebook live, we are considering possible overflow options to be announced soon.



### Christmas Flower Donations

If you wish to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, please use the envelopes located at the church entrances/exits. Return the envelope by dropping in the collection.

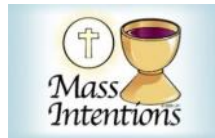


### 2021 Parish Calendar

The St. Mary's 2021 calendars are now available for pickup in the back of church. These beautiful calendars contain liturgical dates and Holy Days.

## Staying Connected

- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—[www.stmarycv.org](http://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).**



We are accepting Mass Intention requests for 2021. If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

**Sunday Masses** are booked through

May 23, 2021. **Saturdays** are booked through July 24th. **Weekdays**, Feb 2nd is open, then next date is March 16th, after that, there are more weekdays available. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or call on a Tuesday or Wednesday for available dates.

## Financial Support Options

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- 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 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- Drop you contribution envelope off at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

**Give in thanksgiving.** "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's **collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

## Thank You

The Butikk would like to than you for your recent donation of \$87.60. We will be able to purchase a lot of food with your gift to help those in need this holiday season. With grateful hearts for your continued support!

*The Bethel Butikk*

## Diocesan/Community Announcements:

### Advent Virtual Mission

Prepare for the Birth of the Christ Child through the eyes of St. Joseph. There will be four presentations, one each week of Advent visit [diolc.org/advent](http://diolc.org/advent)

### Cookie Walk

Holy Trinity Parish, 1333 SO 13th Street, La Crosse, will host a COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 a.m.-Noon in Leo Hall. Boxed Christmas Cookies will sell for \$7 per pound. Cut-out Cookie Kits (1 dozen cookies, frosting, and sprinkles) will be available for \$10. Questions call Bonnie at 608-519-3016

### The Advent Wreath

For an explanation of the Advent Wreath, go to <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/The-Advent-Wreath.pdf>

## Week of Dec. 6th Readings

by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

### Weekday Readings

#### Monday 7 December

*St Ambrose, bishop, Isaiah 35:1-10*, Transformation is the message today, first in images (the desert in bloom), then in physical cures (the blind shall see etc.) and finally in the human heart (everlasting joy on their faces).

*Luke 5:17-26*, The effort of the friend is very impressive in this story...and their efforts meet with a double response, healing and forgiveness. On a spiritual level, we can be "paralyzed" too and in need of a word of mercy.

#### Tuesday 8 December

*The Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Genesis 3:9-15, 20*, The early stories in Genesis explore common human experiences, including sin, shame and the "outsourcing" of blame! All very human, of course. The serpent symbolizes something more sinister—the power of sin, against which we need the grace of God.

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12*, The great hymn from Ephesians explores God's grace in Christ, thus inviting us to engage in gratitude.

*Luke 1:26-38*, Mary's yes is in contrast to the "no" of Adam and Eve...and all the rest of us of course! It is great to hear again that "nothing is impossible for God."

#### Wednesday 9 December

*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Isaiah 40:25-31*, Our reading today is really a meditation on God and in particular on the "beyond-ness" of God (his transcendence). The fact that God is so other in this reflection is a source of hope and renewed energy.

*Matthew 11:28-30*, "Yoke" was a term used by the rabbis to refer to the guidance of Torah, by which we plough straight furrows in life. Jesus himself is now our Law and his guidance is light.

#### Thursday 10 December

*Our Lady of Loreto, Isaiah 41:13-20*, The opening line of this poem gives the key to the rest: Do not be afraid. The reading goes on to explore such deep trust using several metaphors: harvesting, drought and barrenness.

*Matthew 11:11-15*, So, who really was John the Baptist? In Jesus' estimation, John was the greatest of the old dispensation. In orthodox tradition he is called the forerunner, the *prodromos*. Yet even he falls into the second rank compared with the least in the kingdom of heaven!

#### Friday 11 December

*St Damasus, bishop of Rome, Isaiah 48:17-19*

There is a great promise in this reading, but also one big "if": if only you had been alert to my commandments. Isaiah can tell us the rest!

*Matthew 11:16-19*, There's no pleasing some people seems to be the message of this passage.

*Brief technical note*, The very last line, puzzling to us, calls for special comment. The passage comes from the Q community, who produced the *Sayings Source* (Q), behind Matthew and Luke. In the view of that community, John, Jesus and their members were all children of transcendent wisdom. Originally, the last verse read: *But Wisdom was vindicated by her children*. (Q 7:35 = Luke 7:35.) For Matthew, Jesus himself is our Wisdom and so he alters the text and continues his portrait to Jesus as wisdom in Matthew 11:25-30.

## Week of Dec. 6th Readings

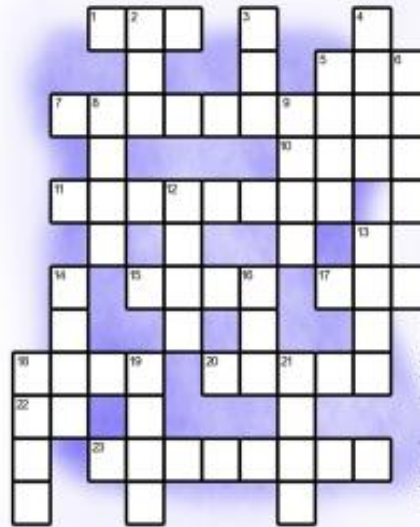
### Saturday 16 December

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sirach 48:1-4, 9-12*, Elijah remained a figure of fascination long after his death, as we hear in this reflection. An Elijah-type figure was expected to usher in the Messiah. The blessedness of this is caught in the very unusual beatitude which closes the reading.

*Matthew 17:10-13*, As noted above, the expected Elijah-type figure was based on Mal 3:1. By identifying John as Elijah, Jesus affirms the significance of the present moment and his own ministry.

## KIDS CORNER

### Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady.

#### ACROSS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was without sin.
5. God \_\_\_\_\_ that Mary would do His will.
7. She was the \_\_\_\_\_ Conception.
10. God watched \_\_\_\_\_ Mary.
11. God decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her from sin.
15. Mary's soul was not stained- it was \_\_\_\_\_.

17. God's Son become \_\_\_\_\_.
  18. He is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  20. When the time was \_\_\_\_\_, the angel came to Mary.
  22. She said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ the handmaid of the Lord.
  23. She had no \_\_\_\_\_ sin, so she was always ready to obey.
- DOWN:
2. Whatever God wanted she would do for \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. She brought the Saviour into the world for \_\_\_\_\_ and me.
  4. She teaches us to love God and \_\_\_\_\_ sin, which offends Him.
  5. God had decided to \_\_\_\_\_ Mary from all sin.
  6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ God, how would you make your mother?
  8. The name of God's mother is \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. She did every single thing out of \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
  12. He had preserved her \_\_\_\_\_ from every stain of sin.
  13. Before she was even a little \_\_\_\_\_ she was chosen by God.
  14. We all have original sin because of \_\_\_\_\_.
  16. ... and his wife, \_\_\_\_\_, who committed the first sins.
  18. They had chosen to disobey God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  19. Since then, every other person\* was \_\_\_\_\_ with original sin.
  21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, \_\_\_\_\_ and Joachim.

\* Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin - filled with the Holy Spirit' when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.

Answers: Across: 1. she 5. saw 7. immaculate 10. over 11. preserve 15. pure 17. man 18. lamb 20. ready 22. am 23. original Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. born 21. Anne