

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

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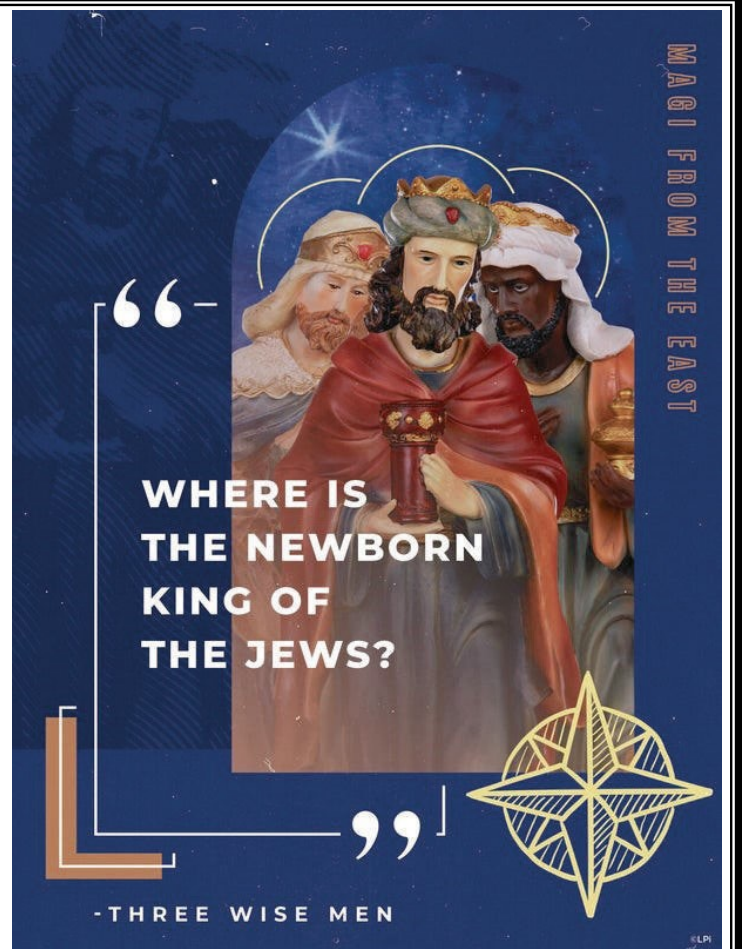
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: www.stmarycv.org

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 07, 2024

Readings: 497B



PASTOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

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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 Stafslie, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail:stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,
Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

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

MUSICIANS: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & 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.stmarycv.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.stmarycv.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.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, Coon Valley, WI

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday Readings

January 7, 2024

- 1) Isaiah 60:1-6; 2) Ephesians 3:2-3;
3) Matthew 2:1-12

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, January 06

The Epiphany of the Lord

-4: 00pm Mass - † William and Rose Marie LeJeune
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, January 07

The Epiphany of the Lord

-8:00am Mass - † Dennis and Frank LeJeune
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, January 09

First Week of Ordinary Time

-5:15pm - † Edward and Anna Kerska

THURSDAY, January 11

-8:00am - † Eric Logemann

SATURDAY, January 13

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

-4: 00pm Mass - † Carol Cade
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - † Kylie Von Ruden
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti & Rodney and Kathy Berg



CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm
Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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

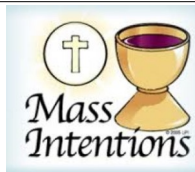
Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 01/04/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$9,140.38	\$7,990.38
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$5,374.62)	(\$6,524.62)
Percent Pledged: 62.97%, Percent Received: 55.05%		
Number Contributing:	21	

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, recurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Jan 07** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Jan 09** ~ Finance Council Meeting 6 PM
- **Jan 16** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
- **Jan 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after Mass
- **Jan 21** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Theresa Guild
- **Jan 21** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Jan 22** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Feb 04** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Feb 14** ~ Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 15** ~ Coffee and fellowship after Mass
- **Feb 18** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Catherine Guild
- **Feb 18** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Mar 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Mar 23 & 31.
Apr. 13; Jun 1 or 2, 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 30

Open Weekdays: Feb. 1, 13, 15, 29; Mar. 5, 12, 14, 21; Apr. 4, 11, 16, 30; May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, 30.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of December 29, 2023

Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00

Payments received: \$35,337.50

WE HAVE EXCEEDED THE GOAL!
THANK YOU!



Needed last Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$11,911.10 Received as of week 5

\$1,911.10 Over for the Month

Giving Last Week

		12/31/2023	
Adult Env(28)	\$1,370.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$455.00	Received This Week	\$2,185.00
Christmas (8)	\$160.00	Running total needed	\$106,000.00
Tree Fund	\$200.00	YTD Received	\$97,697.97
Total	\$2,185.00	Difference	(8,302.03)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I've just returned from a retreat up in the Wausau area – in a group context we employed story work to continue our own processes of integration. Ever since I first encountered it during seminary formation, this type of work has been important for me in my own growth as a disciple and (more recently) a priest, and it may inform some of the themes of healing, redemptive suffering, and the value of Christ's cross you see running throughout my homilies. Most recently we (that is, our parishes) spent Advent focusing on those dark corners of our own hearts where we need to invite Christ's light to shine, and this Christmas season we've been extending that discerned invitation to the Holy Spirit. This is the ongoing and lifelong work of discipleship. Thank you for bearing with me as I stepped away for the week – I know there's a real cost to my absence from our parishes, and I am grateful for your willingness to let me sharpen the proverbial saw!

Over the next few months, you may notice a few other retreats going on around our parishes. Next weekend Viroqua will host a Married Love retreat – a day-long event that happens throughout the diocese to prepare engaged couples for their upcoming marriages. Deacon Tully and several of our own couples are going to help Deacon Tony and I with this event, and I am looking forward to working through several themes with the couples: covenant theology of marriage, openness to life, permanence, and faithfulness. Next month I'll be leading a few independent retreats – the first will be for some young families from the Twin Cities. One of my missionary friends reached out to me to see if the husbands and fathers in the group could arrange a retreat as a Christmas gift to their wives, which is an awesome idea. The husbands are going to take on the task of cooking and caring for the kids in town here, while their wives spend some time in prayer and ongoing formation – again, following that beautiful theme of sharpening the saw. The second will be for a very special group of my friends who have banded together for something called the Seven Sisters Apostolate – a group of women who each take one day a week to pray a holy hour for this particular priest and his ministry. You didn't know it, but these friends (predominantly from my most recent Holy Land pilgrimage) have been praying earnestly for all of you and for my own priesthood, and this retreat will be a specially important chance for our parishes to pray for and offer a moment of rest to a team who are lovingly praying for us every day. It's also a good reminder that any good work that happens in our parishes is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, aided by earnest intercession from our own people and beyond. Keep up your own work in that regard!

God bless you, and Merry Christmas still!

Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

2024 Contribution Envelopes and Calendars

Still a few envelopes to be picked up in the back of church. If you cannot find your envelopes or you do not currently have envelopes assigned to you please contact the parish office by leaving a message at 608-452-3841 or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net

2023 Contribution Statements

Statements will be available for pickup in the back of church next weekend, January 13/14.



Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024? If so, please let the parish office know your name and the date by calling 608-452-3841 and leaving a message or email: stmaryscv@mwt.net.

The Epiphany Blessing of the Home

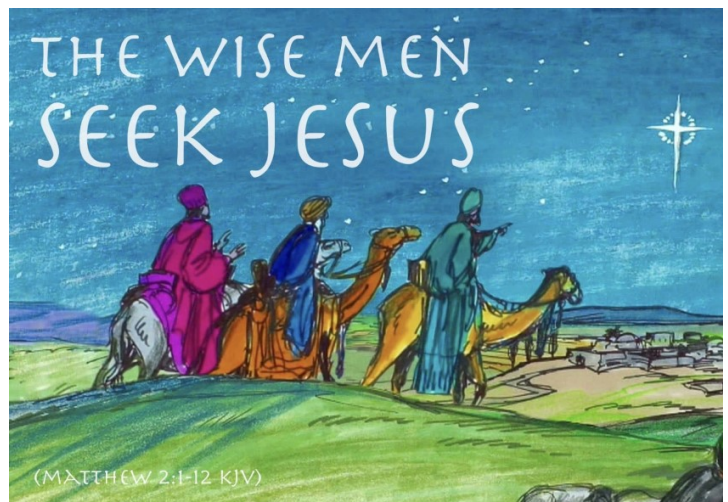
The Blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive, and cooperative with God's grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. Marking doorways with blessed chalk is also a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door and, if possible, over all exterior doors with the inscription for this year:

20 + C + M + B + 24

You can find the full Epiphany Blessing of the Home sheets at the back of church (or you can find it online at: <https://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/>). Please take a copy and do the blessing with your family! Let's dedicate our dwellings as places of God's grace and love!

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.



Diocesan/Local Announcements

The ANSWER™ Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say “Yes!” to this life-changing event that will be held June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. However, you may also want to check with your parish office as there are some parishes that have already begun purchasing group tickets and reserving buses for this event. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information. The registration link is found at the following link or by using your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right. <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE day will begin with a Eucharistic Procession. The Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be ending their time in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester on the morning of June 7, 2024 and entering into the Diocese of La Crosse. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will greet Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, to transfer the Eucharistic Procession from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to the Diocese of La Crosse. This historic moment will be an opportunity for people of all generations to join in the Eucharistic Procession as we journey to the La Crosse Center where we will immediately enter into Mass. Participants in this Eucharistic Procession do not have to buy a ticket for the rest of the day if they do not plan to stay for the event.



A Minute with Jesus

Wise men came to worship Jesus

Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The wise men gave precious gifts to the Savior, gifts for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They knew that Jesus was a great king, even though He looked like a small Child. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter.

- Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts. But, thank You for giving us the most precious Gift of Yourself in the Eucharist.
- This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12

Pilgrimage for Life - Jan. 17-21

We are excited to offer the Pilgrimage for Life. We will travel by coach bus to Washington, DC, to participate in the annual March for Life. This opportunity is for anyone ages 13 and up. The estimated cost is \$400 per person. All information and the registration link can be found at <https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

Activity Corner

EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!

Around the time that _____ (2d) was born, some wise men from the _____ (8a) saw in the sky a special _____ (9a) at _____ (13d) rising, and followed it to _____ (11a) the newborn Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where _____ (10d) went to ask _____ (15a) Herod if he knew where the new King would be born.

_____ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in _____ (18a). Then Herod told a _____ (17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were _____ (7d) when they found Jesus with his mother _____ (4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of _____ (16a), _____ (1d) and _____ (4a). But _____ (3d) night an angel appeared _____ (6a) them and told them to _____ (14a) go home by another road, since King _____ (5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.



Answers: Across: 4.myrrh 6.to 8.East 9.star 11.find 14.secretly 15.king 16.gold 18.Bethlehem. Down: 1.frankincense 2.Jesus 3.at 4.Mary 5.Herod 7.oversaw 10.they 12.as 13.it 17.he.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- Those sick and suffering in any way, may they find healing and strength in our Lord.
- For military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all.
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza whose lives have been affected by acts of war.
- 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.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwtnet



Flower Donations in Memory/Honor Of:

As of 1/3/2024

Tyler Turban

By Sharon and Sara Anderson

Jim and Betty Callan

Bob and Leona Welsh

By Mike and Karen Callan

Arlan and Virginia Dwyer

Rhonda Buckmaster

Randy Jones and Bob Janiero

By Keith Dwyer

Fleming and Ollendick Families

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Art and Evelyn Gajewski

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Larry and Myrtle Geier

Chuck and Theresa Brueggen

Mary Brueggen

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Joseph and Stella Grabowski

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David and Shirley Hanson

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By Dave and Sue Humfeld

Joan Urbanek

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By Mike and Clarice Kammel

Edward and Anna Kerska

By Robert E. Kerska

Allen and Mercedes Christen

By Francis and Carol LeJeune

Bernard, Cecelia, and Larry Humfeld

By John and Julie Mislivecek Family

Ralph Pedretti

By Andrew Pedretti

Albert, Stella, Gary and Scott Hohlfeld

By Roger and Nancy Peters

Jayne Peterson-Frydenlund

By Jeff and Lisa Peterson

William and Rose Marie LeJeune

Frank and Dennis LeJeune

By Sandra Ritter, Joan, Jean, & Peggy LeJeune

Donald and Rita Weber

Alfred and Mildred Roesler

By John and Carol Roesler

Cheryl Roesler

By Joe Roesler

Deceased members of the Roskos and

Roningen Families

By Rosey Roningen

Ed and Betty Gorman

By Steve and Linda Schulte

Helen and Leyton Stafslie

Lucas Seelow and Nevaeh Niemyjski

By Amy Stafslie Family

Dan Tiedeman

Don Kammel

By Caroline Tiedeman

Kylie Von Ruden

By Bruce, Shirley, Chase & Kenzie Von Ruden

Gavin Williams

Ken and Hazel Williams

By Rick and Sue Williams

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish. If you have donated toward the flowers and your name is not listed here, please contact the parish office. Updates will be posted in the back of church.