

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:
900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841
Website: www.stmarycv.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

March 24, 2024
Readings: 517-524B



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards
Rectory:.....400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665
Cell Phone:608-606-9787
Email:..... jrichards@diolclergy.org
Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:
Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time and
Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

DEACON

Anthony Shay.....ashay@diolclergy.org

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

Bridget Goodwin.....bladams50@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld,
Robert Kerska, 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 jrichards@diolclergy.org 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

Palm Sunday



Sunday Readings
March 24, 2024

1) Isaiah 50:4-7; 2) Philippians 2:6-11;
3) Mark 14:1-15

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 24
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
-4:00pm Mass - † Tyler Turben
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jean LeJeune and Volunteer

SUNDAY, March 25
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
-8:00am Mass - † Kylie VonRuden
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld and Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, March 26
-5:15pm - Stations of the Cross Server: Volunteer
-approx. 5:45pm - Mass - †

THURSDAY, March 28
Holy Thursday
- NO 8:00am Mass, 5:15pm Mass in Viroqua

FRIDAY, March 29
Good Friday
- 12:10pm Service

SATURDAY, March 30
Holy Saturday
-NO 4:00pm Mass , 8:00pm Mass in Viroqua

SUNDAY, March 31
Easter Sunday
-8:00am Mass - † Verdel, Sarah and David Holte
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Mar 25** ~ Confessions at the Cathedral from 9AM-6PM
- **Mar 25** ~ Men's Club Meeting at 6 PM
- **Mar 26** ~ Chrism Mass 10:30 AM at the Cathedral
~5:15 PM Stations of the Cross - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 28** ~ No 8 AM Mass
- **Mar 28** ~ *Holy Thursday Mass*
in Viroqua at 5:15 PM
- **Mar 29** ~ *Good Friday Service*
- here at 12:10 PM
- in Viroqua at 3:00 PM
- **Mar 29** ~ *Passion Play*
in Viroqua at 7:00 PM
- **Mar 30** ~ *Holy Saturday*
in Viroqua at 8:00 PM
- **Mar 31** ~ *Easter Sunday - 8 AM Mass*
- **Apr 07** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Apr 11** ~ 🎂🕊️ Fr. Joe's Birthday! 🎉🙏
- **Apr 13** ~ LDCCW Spring Conference
- **Apr 18** ~ Coffee and fellowship after 8 AM Mass



 **Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jun 9, 23 & 30; Jul 20; Aug 3 or 4, 10, 11, 24, 31.
Open Weekdays: Apr. 11; May 2, 14, & 23. Jun. 11, 20, & 25. Jul 4, 11, & 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 March 20, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$37,754.50
THANK YOU!



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



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,572.00	Received as of week 3
(\$4,428.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 03/20/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$11,950.00	\$8,700.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,515.00</u>	<u>\$14,515.00</u>
Under Target	(\$2,565.00)	(\$5,815.00)
Percent Pledged: 82.33%, Percent Received: 59.94%		
Number Contributing: 25		

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

Giving Last Week

Giving Last Week		3/17/2024	
Adult Env(36)	\$1,265.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$119.00	Received This Week	\$1,404.00
Easter	\$20.00	Running total needed	\$22,000.00
Total	\$1,404.00	YTD Received	\$21,633.42
Rice Bowls(2)	\$43.12	Difference	(366.58)
Easter Flowers	\$245.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Last Tuesday was a spiritual triple threat, all tied to the Solemnity (codeword for a big feast day) of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Let's unpack it.

First, I share his name, which really just applies to myself (and all you other Joes out there).

Second, St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of our Diocese (technically under the title "St. Joseph the Workman," which we also celebrate on May 1). As far as saints are concerned, St. Joseph is pretty high on the list of significant players – his selflessness (or rather self-gifting), docility, and confidence in God's providence led him to lead the Holy Family, to protect and provide for Mary and Jesus. When I first got here 1 3/5 years ago, my messaging leaned hard into the stewardship of pastorship – I've inherited these two parishes from my predecessor, who inherited them from his predecessors, who inherited them from...you get the gist. In the same way, some day I will hand over pastorship to another priest to tend to your needs. I am honored to be your steward for this season, and I see in St. Joseph's stewardship the real model of pastoral care.

Third, at 6:00 AM on Tuesday an announcement went out that Pope Francis has accepted Bishop Callahan's resignation and named Bishop Gerard Battersby (presently an auxiliary bishop in Detroit) the eleventh bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, to be installed on May 20. This is a significant moment, folks. Over the last 150-something years we have had ten bishops, which is to say that the guard doesn't change every day. Bishop Callahan has faithfully led us through a hard fourteen years with a prayerful heart, courageous suffering, and a Franciscan love for his people. Now as we prepare for a new shepherd, allow me to quote Bishop Battersby's beautiful charge from Tuesday's conference: "I don't come to you as the best bishop you could receive. If you want the best bishop you can receive, then you're gonna have to fast and pray for me, that the Holy Spirit might make me the one that you need. The one that he has in store and planned for you. And so, I ask you to pray for me, and to love me and receive me, and to allow me to bring Jesus to you in the way that the Holy Spirit has gifted me these many years of priesthood." I will be doing just that, and with a pastor's love I ask you to do the same.

God bless you this Holy Week! ~ Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

Easter Flower Donations

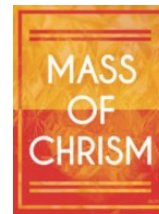
Please use the envelope included in your booklet. Additional envelopes are at the back of the church and near the side door. Listing of contributors will be posted in the bulletin.



Rice Bowls and Mite Boxes

Please turn in your boxes and bowls during Holy Week. Be sure and include your name on the bowl/box if you want credit for it on your contribution statement.

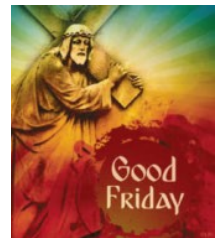
Chrism Mass – Mar 26



The Mass will be on March 26, 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. Please consider attending!

Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Support the Holy Land

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. The collection supports the following programs: Faith, Memory and Culture—the Holy Places; Social and Charitable Activities; Educational and Scientific Activities, Pastoral Activities; and Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communication Programs. The Holy Land Franciscans are counting on your financial help to assist in providing presence, care and service.



Easter Choir - Calling all voices!



Share your talents by joining musician Linda Schulte in the church loft on Easter morning to sing praise to the risen Lord. Please arrive a few minutes early to go over the selections.

PASSION PLAY - Mar 29

Annunciation of the BVM Parish in Viroqua will have a live performance of the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

Consider Attending with Local PCCW Members - Apr 13 Celebrate Life Convention - Abby Johnson Event

The guest speaker for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Biennial convention will be Abby Johnson. She is the author of Unplanned which was made into a movie. Abby is an anti-abortion activist who previously worked at Planned Parenthood as a clinic director, but resigned in October 2009. She states that she resigned after watching an abortion on ultrasound. **Our PCCW will pay the registration fee for any members of St. Mary's who would like to attend.** If you can't stay for the whole convention, come for the lunch and speaker. All those interested should contact Clarice Kammel (608-792-2198) as soon as possible. She will send in your registration.

Parish Announcements continued



The Photo Directories Have Arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick up your free copy in the back of church this weekend. Additional copies for sale-\$8.00. Contact Clarice Kammel or the parish office to purchase.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

CV Legion Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast - Mar 24

The Coon Valley Legion will be hosting breakfast this Sunday, March 24 from 8 AM to noon. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, and juice. Proceeds go to the youth programs.

Pro-Life Night Out - Apr 28 (register by Mar 25)

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for a night out with fellow pro-lifers at our Spring Social on April 18, 2024 from 6pm-8pm at the Lodge at Mauston (104 Lodge Lane Mauston, WI 53948). Enjoy dinner, drinks, fantastic company, and hear powerful real-life testimony from one of our faithful sidewalk counselors, Mr. Don Hudzinski. **Tickets are \$40 each available through Monday, March 25.** For more information and to register go to ProLifeWI.org/spring-social.

Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross - Mar 29

Good Friday 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at St. Rose Convent on the corner of Market and 9th streets. This form of the Way of the Cross – recalling the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary to be crucified – is a two-mile community prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate. This event is entirely outdoors; please dress for the weather. Also note: You will have to walk back to the stations' starting point or arrange for a ride back from Riverside Park. This event is FREE. Registration is appreciated but not required. www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295

Meatball and Lefsa Supper - Apr 6

Sponsored by Lower CV Lutheran Church located between Chaseburg and Stoddard (S1801 N. Stoddard Rd, Stoddard). Menu: meatballs and gravy, homemade lefsa, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans, various desserts, coffee and milk. Cost: \$12, 5 and under free. Carry-outs available. Bake sale on-site!

Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser - Apr 27

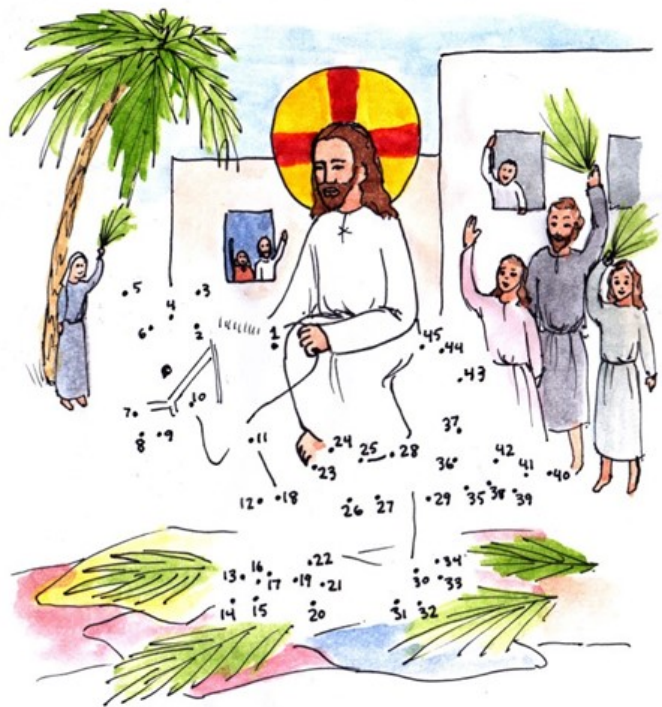
There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge!). \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60! Registration and more information can be found at: roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints

Family Camp:

A family Camp will take place at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI. The cost is \$350 for a family of four, with an additional \$30 for each person above that number. It starts on Friday afternoon to early evening and ends on Sunday at noon. The camp will take the families on adventures and include family-style meals, arts and crafts, prayer, faith talks, family time, bonfires, Mass, and great fellowship! Please contact Cheryl Kauffer at goshawkepk@gmail.com for more information.

Activity Corner

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 24th, 2024



*A few days before He died on the Cross,
Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved
palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!"
He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times.
What was it? Connect the dots to find out!*



Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

Fish Frynder is Live!

For a complete list of all diocesan parish Lenten meals, organized by day, visit the Fish Frynder at diolc.org/fishfrynder or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right above.



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@mwt.net

The Sixth Week of Lent: Palm Sunday

REPENT

Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

The King of the Jews

Mark 14:1–15:47

The final week of Jesus' life was filled with activity, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. We remember his actions, his prayers, his trial, his sufferings, and finally his death. As Lent draws to a close, we have the opportunity to join our sorrows more deeply with him so that we, too, can rise again with him on Easter.



POINTS TO PONDER

- What part of the Passion narrative touches you the most deeply?
- Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- As I prepare for Easter, am I spending as much time on spiritual preparations as I am on Easter baskets and a special meal?

Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play out this week. One way to enter more fully into these events is to imagine that you are present at Christ's passion. Take in the details and think about what you would have been thinking or feeling if you were present when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to be greeted by palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted when the woman poured precious oil on his feet? What would have been going through your mind at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, or the way of the Cross? By allowing yourself to enter more fully into the experience of the Passion, Easter Sunday will become even more meaningful.

“And though every day a man lives may rightly be a day of repentance, yet is it in these days more becoming, more appropriate, to confess our sins, to fast, and to give alms to the poor; since in these days you may wash clean the sins of the whole year.”

— St. John Chrysostom



CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

Suffering Servant

The Old Testament, especially the Book of Isaiah, foretold that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. During this Holy Week, look up the following Scripture passages and see how they can be applied to Jesus, the Suffering Servant of God.

Isaiah 49

The words of God's servant about himself.

Isaiah 50

How salvation will come through the suffering of God's servant.

Isaiah 52

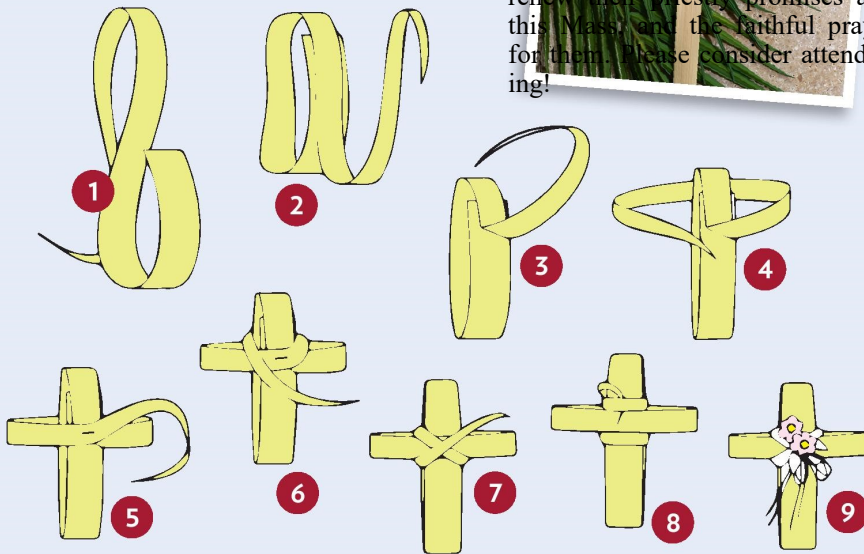
The suffering of God's servant will be the salvation

of many nations and people.
Chrism Mass — **Mar 26**
 The Mass will be on March 26, 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. Please consider attending!

FamilyActivity

Palm Crosses

A traditional way of preserving palms from one year to the next is to make palm crosses.



LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” — Psalm 22:2

Out of the depths of my sorrow, I call to you. Do not let me be forgotten, Lord, but hear and answer me.



HOLY THURSDAY liturgy recalls the Last Supper and the First Eucharist, where Jesus models for us how to serve when he washes the disciples' feet. It also commemorates the establishment of the priesthood.

GOOD FRIDAY is the only day of the year on which Mass is not celebrated. The Good Friday liturgy, in its solemnity, invites us to enter deeply into the passion of Our Lord. This is a day of fasting and abstinence.

HOLY SATURDAY is the final day of preparation for Easter. During the Easter Vigil, new members are brought into the Church, and we celebrate the great mystery of our redemption. The Pascal candle that is lit at the Vigil remains throughout the year.

Catechism CONNECTION

“Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church’s liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 560



Karen Callaway