

St. Mary Parish

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
Dcn. Tony Shay

Church Address:

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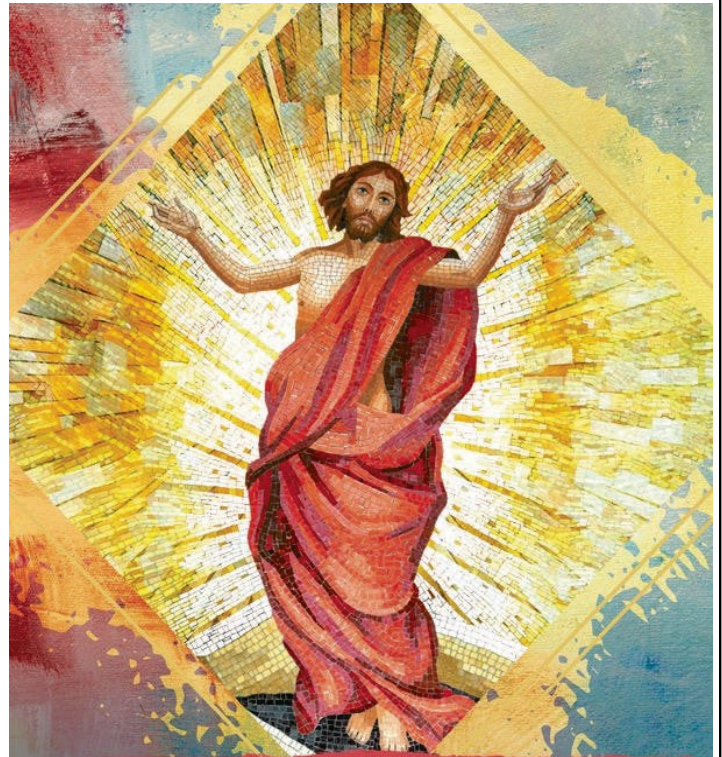
Parish Phone: 608-452-3841

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March 31, 2024

Readings: 551B



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards

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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

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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

Easter Sunday

Sunday Readings

March 31, 2024

- 1) Acts of the Apostles 10:34-37; 2) Colossians 3:1-4;
3) John 20:1-9

Intentions / Schedule

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

TUESDAY, April 2

Easter Tuesday

-5:15pm Mass - Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, April 4

Easter Thursday

- 8:00am Mass - † Joe and Roger Biebl

SATURDAY, April 6

Second Sunday of Easter

-4:00pm Mass - † Lucile Kumm

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

-8:00am Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Lori Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Apr 3-11** ~ Office closed, Amy on Mission Trip see Fr. Joe for administrative needs.
- **Apr 6/7** ~ PCCW Second Collection for works of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.
- **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 - Abby Johnson
- **Apr 13** ~ *Spaghetti and Pasta Supper 4-7 PM* 🍴🍷
- **Apr 18** ~ Coffee and fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Apr 21** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Apr 22-26** ~ Fr. Joe will be on the Annual Priest Retreat, NO Daily Mass in Coon Valley or Viroqua
- **Apr 27** ~ *PCCW Spring Luncheon 11 AM-1 PM*
- **May 05** ~ First Communion Sunday! RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **May 19** ~ RE end of year party after the 8 AM Mass and parish social to celebrate our first communicant, confirmand, and graduates. The PCCW hosts will be both St. Theresa & St. Rose Guilds.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 23 & 30; Aug 3 or 4, 10, 11, 24, 31.

Open Weekdays: Apr. 11; May 14. Jun. 11, & 20; Jul 4, 11, & 30; Aug 1, 20, 22, 29.

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 stmarysev@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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



CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of March 27, 2024

Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$38,054.50

THANK YOU!



Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,763.00	Received as of week 4
(\$3,237.00)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2023-24		
As of 03/27/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$11,950.00	\$10,800.00
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
Under Target	(\$2,565.00)	(\$3,715.00)
Percent Pledged: 82.33%, Percent Received: 74.41%		
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		3/24/2024	
Adult Env(29)	\$1,010.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$181.00	Received This Week	\$1,191.00
Total	\$1,191.00	Running total needed	\$24,000.00
		YTD Received	\$22,824.42
Mite Boxes(2)	\$10.00	Difference	(1,175.58)
Easter Flowers	\$315.00		

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

By the time you're reading this we are either into or all the way through the continuous narrative of the Triduum – 52 hours of the greatest liturgical season to ever grace the Church. Now we come up on an important seasonal note that plagues two of our highest holy days – Christmas and Easter. Just like with Christmas (this year I saw the first decorations on November 2 and the last ones go down somewhere around December 26), Easter tends to get shortchanged. There's a big leadup to both (two months of commercialism secularly or four weeks of Advent for Christmas, forty-something days of Lent for Easter), then the celebrations end a bit abruptly.

The particularly pronounced problem with this is that Easter isn't just something that happens over the nine hours it takes to go from morning Mass to family brunch to an Easter egg hunt. This Resurrection event is such a big deal that the Church structures a full fifty days of Easter Season in before Pentecost. That's a long time to bask in the Change Jesus brings about. Just as it takes work to make Lent tangible and attainable with defined fasts and culturally ingrained disciplines, it takes real work to celebrate for such a long time. Allow me to share one major encouragement and one quick pro-tip.

First, the encouragement. Over the last forty-something days you've been heroically stepping into freedom by stripping away a good thing you didn't need or by placing intentional limits on a bad thing you really didn't need. Perhaps you made a confession to root out some vice or moment that's held you bound. There's a freedom that comes with that discipline, with tilling the soil for the Holy Spirit to plant His seeds. The real fruit of this uprooting-of-vice is not that it makes me a less horrible person – it's that it makes room for virtue (that is, habits that make me more fully alive and human) to sink its own roots. As we turn into the Easter season now, do not be afraid to let yourself live differently in the freedom you've experienced. Choose virtue, live selflessly, receive the Holy Spirit in openness and generosity.

Finally, the pro-tip: just like with Lenten fasts, Easter celebration takes intention. As the old aphorism goes, failing to plan is planning to fail. If you've benefitted from an extra Mass during the week, keep that practice up. If you've received freedom in confession, don't wait until December before your next one. If you've intentionally structured an extracurricular Kindness into your day, let that continue. We grow in love by intentionally choosing to love and receive the love God has in store for us.

Happy Easter my friends, and may Christ's resurrection be a palpable reality in your life,

Fr. Joe



Parish Announcements

Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Supper - Apr 13

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on **April 13, from 4-7 PM** in the church basement. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Help spread the word and post the flyer from this weeks bulletin at your place of employment or somewhere in the community.



PCCW Spring Luncheon

The PCCW will be hosting their annual Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, April 27**. This event is open to all, not just the ladies, and the food is always delicious. St. Rose and St. Theresa Guilds will be serving this year. Each member of those guilds will be asked to bring a LARGE salad. Since many past attendees have asked for recipes of their favorite dishes we would like everyone to bring a recipe card with their recipe on it for others to see. Those interested can then make their own copy of the recipe. We will also have meat/cheese trays, croissants, and desserts. Our guest speakers will be Joyce & Roger Humfeld talking about their beekeeping and honey business. They will also have honey available for purchase at the luncheon.

Rice Bowls and Mite Boxes

It is time to turn in your boxes and bowls by dropping them in the collection plate. Be sure and include your name on the bowl/box if you want credit for it on your contribution statement.

La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Collection Divine Mercy Sunday (April 6th & 7th)

The LDCCW is dedicated to supporting the women of the La Crosse Diocese to help fund workshops, scholarships for youth camp & adult faith education, leadership development, Water For Life, Casa Hogar, etc. Thank you for supporting the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW; www.ldccw.org.)

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.

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

Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to all who donated, a complete listing is in today's bulletin insert. Updated list will be posted in the back of the church.

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

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!

Divine Mercy Sunday - Apr 7

April 7, 2024 | All day celebration—Feast of Divine Mercy at the Shrine. It will be a day of approaching the Sacred Heart of Jesus with great faith, trust, and appreciation. The day includes: Holy Mass (Latin, Spanish, and English options), The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition, Benediction & Reposition, and Relic Veneration of St. Faustina. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events! Offer your prayers, and rejoice in Our Lord's unfathomable mercy!

Organ Recital - Apr 13

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI will be hosting an Organ Recital April 13th, 2024. The recital will be from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Come and hear Scott Turkington fill The Shrine with music! More info at guadalupeshrine.org/events

MMOC Rummage Sale - Apr 26

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 26, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

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:

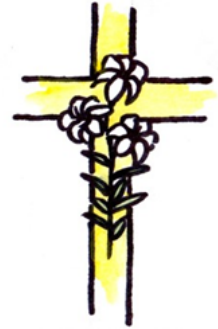
A family Camp will take place at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI. The cost is \$350 for a family of four, with an additional \$30 for each person above that number. It starts on Friday afternoon to early evening and ends on Sunday at noon. The camp will take the families on adventures and include family-style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



Activity Corner

Easter Word-Find

J E L O V E D S T U
C L O T H S I M O N
F I R S T C S A M A
B N I T D R C G B P
E E S O A I I D E K
L N E N R P P A M I
I W E E K T L L P N
E D E A D U E E T S
V I S M A R Y N Y R
E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the **FIRST** day of the **WEEK**, when it was still **DARK**, **MARY** and Mary **MAGDALEN** and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' **TOMB**. They wondered who would roll away the **STONE**. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was **EMPTY**! They ran and told the disciples. **SIMON PETER** and the other **DISCIPLE**, whom Jesus **LOVED**, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The **LINEN CLOTHS** were lying there, and the **NAPKIN** that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to **BELIEVE**, because they hadn't known the **SCRIPTURE** that said that Jesus must **RISE** from the **DEAD**.

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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.

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



Easter Flowers

Donated in memory/honor of:

Eva Adam
Maria Rabotski
Art and Evelyn Gajewski
By Don and Mary Gajewski

Arlene and Norbert Seichter
Stella and Joseph Grabowski
By Steve and Michelle
Grabowski

Adam Hemmersbach
Arnold & DelMarie Hemmersbach
Doug Rude
By Stam and Lori Hemmersbach

Edward and Anna Kerska
By Robert E. Kerska

Bernard and Cecilia Humfeld
Larry Humfeld
By John and Julie Mislivecek
Family

Ralph Pedretti
By Andrew Pedretti

Allen and Mercedes Christen
William and Rosie LeJeune
By Francis and Carol LeJeune

Albert and Stella Hohlfeld
Gary and Scott Hohlfeld
By Roger and Nancy Peters

William and Rose Marie LeJeune
Frank and Dennis LeJeune
By Sandra Ritter and Jean, Joan,
and Peggy LeJeune

Donald and Rita Weber
Alfred and Mildred Roesler
By John and Carol Roesler

Kenneth and Irene Roesler
By Kevin and Natasha Roesler

Roskos and Roningen Families
By Rosey Roningen

Abillyne Mitchell
By Richard and Jenna Schams

Toni Sheehan and Ray Sheehan
By Maripat Sheehan

Leyton and Helen Stafslie
Lucas Seelow
Nevaeh Niemyjski
By Amy Stafslie and Family

Dan Tiedeman
Don Kammel
By Caroline Tiedeman

Kylie Von Ruden
By Bruce, Shirley, Chase and
Kenzie Von Ruden

Ken and Hazel Williams
Gavin Williams
By Rich and Sue Williams



Thank you for supporting St. Mary Parish,
if you notice an error on this posting or if
you donated and do not see your listing,
please contact the parish office.

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Cole James Berra
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Gloria Bradley
By Keith and Jody Boraas

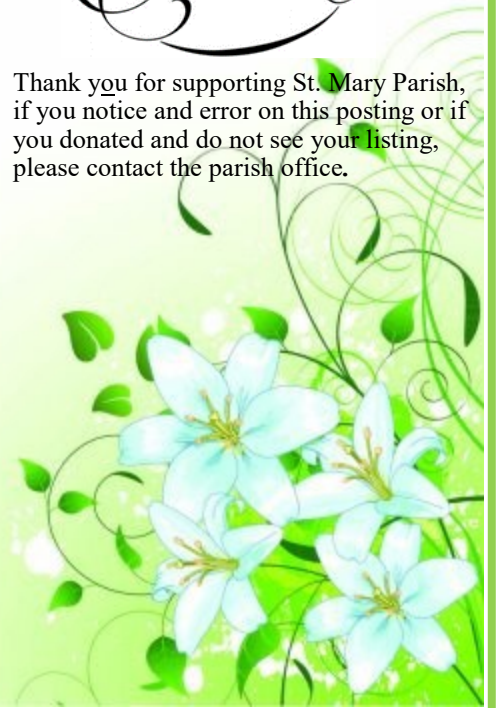
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By Charles and Mary Jo Burke

Jim and Betty Callan
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Rhonda Buckmaster
Bob Janeiro
Randy Jones
By Keith Dwyer

Fleming Families
Ollendick Families
By Jim and Barb Fleming

Larry and Myrtle Geier
Mary Brueggen
Chuck and Theresa Brueggen
By Curt and Jean Geier





SPAGHETTI & PASTA DINNER

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

COON VALLEY WI

Saturday April 13, 2024

from 4 pm – 7 pm

\$12 adults \$5 kids under 12

Children under 3 free

***Plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and
meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or
water. Ice cream for dessert.***

Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Carryout's will be available.

Spring Luncheon

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 2024



Only \$10 per person

Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch.

At 11:30 a.m. guest speakers - Joyce and Roger Humfeld discussing their beekeeping and honey business.

Questions? Call 608-452-3841

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Door Prizes

Offered by St. Mary's PCCW,
all proceeds go to support
St. Mary's Parish