

PASTOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time

Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

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

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan

Berg 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

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and 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

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

October 8, 2023

Readings: 656A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

October 08, 2023

1) *Isaiah 5:1-7*; 2) *Philippians 4:6-9*;
3) *Matthew 21:33-43*

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Oct 08** ~ Last option for mandatory RE Safe Environment training (date 3 of 3) after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua.
- Oct 10-13** ~ **No Daily Mass**, Fr. Joe at Leadership Conference
- Oct 10** ~ ****UPDATE**** Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- Oct 13** ~ **Set up for Pancake Breakfast** by the St. Theresa Guild of the PCCW starting at 5:30 PM
- Oct 14** ~ Viterbo Student volunteer day—work on Parish grounds from 10 AM—1 PM
- Oct 15** ~ Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** from 7:30 AM—Noon
- Oct 15** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass, students help with breakfast
- Oct 18** ~ Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua Annual Fall Turkey Dinner 4-7 PM
- Oct 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- Oct 21/22** ~ World Mission Sunday
- Oct 23** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM

Intentions
Oct 07 ~ 4:00 PM - † David Holte
Oct 08 ~ 8:00 AM - † Robert Dickman
Oct 10 ~ 5:15 PM - NO Mass
Oct 12 ~ 8:00 AM - NO Mass
Oct 14 ~ 4:00 PM - † Norbert and Arlene Seichter
Oct 15 ~ 8:00 AM - † Kylie Von Ruden

MASS Intentions

All 2023 Mass Intention Dates are FULL!

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

2024 Intentions now available! Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time) and Thurs. from Mass until noon.

Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand* (608-606-9787) or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.

Next Week in Service — Oct 14/15

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

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook

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

- Donations:** Here are some ways to support your parish:
- Attend Mass and drop your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's
 - US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
 - Bill Pay through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (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).

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of October 6, 2023
Pledges received (28): \$97,720.00
Payments received: \$26,505.00
Under Goal (\$7,280.00)

Needed this Month	
\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$2,327.00	Received as of week 1
(\$7,673.00)	Short for the Month

Giving Last Week		Week 38	10/1/2023
Adult Env(34)	\$1,470.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	332.00	Received This Week	\$2,327.00
PC Breakfast(14)	525.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$80,000.00
Total	\$2,327.00	YTD Received	\$72,633.37
		Difference	(7,366.63)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

How am I?

I've mentioned that I am heading up to the Twin Cities for a pastoral development workshop after Sunday's Masses until Friday. This workshop is put on by one of our own deacons, Dcn. Dan Gannon, a great guy who is also the head of ongoing formation for priests in the Archdiocese of St. Paul, and it focuses on personal leadership, pastoral mission, and strategic planning. Coincidentally, this workshop pairs with a question an increasing number of you have been asking me lately, "how are you doing, Fr. Joe?" to give me an opportunity to loop you in on the support structure available to parish priests. Since my spiritual, emotional, psychological, and physical welfare directly and immediately impacts our parishes' welfare, hopefully this will be helpful.

First, let's start with that loaded six-word question "How are you doing, Fr. Joe?" The brief answer is "I'm doing alright." The longer answer is, well, longer – I love being here and I love being your pastor, and there is a real cost to going about it wholeheartedly. Every week when I step up to hopefully deliver a Holy Spirit-driven homily, I am keenly aware of the gift, responsibility, and weight of prophecy that the Lord draws out of a homilist to speak His Word to His people. I am moved by the intimacy with which many of you draw me into the depths of your personal and spiritual lives in confession and counsel. I feel the power of Fatherhood that plays out in running the business and coordinating the culture of our church and with those same spiritual encounters I just mentioned. (Tangent: if you want to get really Catholic-nerdy look up "Three Munera"). All of this opens my eyes to two realities: A) the profound integrating work Christ demands of a striving disciple, and B) the power of redemptive suffering.

Now, let me share a non-exhaustive list of some of my support structures – that is, the tools I use to process the vocation (calling) to pastorship and try to stay rooted in the Holy Spirit. 1) I've mentioned my Fraternity. Immediately after ordination my classmates (Frs. Sam, Daniel, Levi, Brandon, Ethan) and I started gathering every month for an overnight where we cook, adventure, and share in blunt detail what's going on in our lives. 2) The Diocese is high-level concerned enough about priest welfare to have recently pulled one of our more powerful pastors and assigned him to assess and develop support for that specific end. You may be hearing more about his work in the future. 3) A potent combination of spiritual direction, a daily holy hour (prayer), and physical exercise sharpen my saw to functionality. 4) Seasonal retreats, developmental excursions (FOCUS' SEEK conference, this week's workshop), and adventurous vacations to step back and quiet down. 5) Confession. Indispensable.

Alright, hopefully that's edifying. For each one of us, holiness demands serious intentionality, attempted selflessness, and persistent effort, and I am glad to be striving for that with you. May God bless you and keep you – I will pray for you this week and ask you to pray for me too!

~Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 15 from 7:30 AM—NOON



The breakfast is next Sunday!

Donation Envelopes: Those not picked up have been mailed, extra are in the back of church.

Please return the envelope by mail or by dropping it in the collection basket.

Flyers: Extra flyers are in the back of church, please help spread the word by posting in the community or at your place of business.

Sign-up to help: The sign up sheet is in the back of church. Please prayerfully consider how you might volunteer for this event.

PCCW Guild Assignments:

Pancake breakfast guild assignments:

St. Catherine - Clean-up

St Cecelia - Run the Bake Sale & Quilt Ticket Sales

St Rose - Kitchen

St Theresa - Set-up is Friday October 13th at 5:30 PM

Bake Sale: Break out those favorite fall recipes and bring your best goods. PCCW requests you bring \$15 worth of goods or donate \$15.

Lets all work together to make it a successful parish event!

Welcome Seminarian—Noah Anason

Please warmly welcome our visiting Seminarian Noah Anason. He will be with us on the second weekend each month through May 2024.

Viterbo Students to Help - Oct 14th—Are you available?

Next Saturday, a small group of Viterbo students will be volunteering their time to perform various tasks around the parish. Thank you to Bob Kerska for initiating this and Clarice Kammel for organizing their work assignments. If you are able to help work with the students please contact Clarice at 608-792-2198. The day will start with breakfast in Westby. Then everyone will travel to church and work on the yard from 10 AM -1 PM.

Rosary Before Mass in October

The rosary will be said before the weekend mass during the month of October. Please come to church a little earlier than normal and join all in. Rosary will begin about 20 minutes before Mass.



PCCW Quilt Raffle

The PCCW ladies will be raffling off an Amish made quilt on Saturday, December 2 at their annual Craft Fair. Each female member of the parish is also a member of the ladies organization, PCCW. As a member you are asked to sell a minimum number of quilt raffle tickets each year. **Please pick up your tickets in the back of the church or at the pancake breakfast.** Ticket subs and money should be returned by November 26 or by NOON at the Craft Fair on December 2.

Registering Crafters for our December 2nd Craft Sale

Crafters save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters, by calling (608) 790-6034 or emailing: Peters@mwt.net

Diocesan/Local Announcements

St Joseph's Ridge Community Blood Drive

Monday, Oct. 9 from 1—6 PM

At the Town of Greenfield Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road. Walk in's welcome but appointments are preferred, call 877-232-4376.

Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11

St. Peters Catholic Church in Middle Ridge will again hold their annual Sauerkraut Supper this year as a dine in or carry out on Wednesday, October 11th from 4 to 8 PM or until sold out. Cost of dinner is \$15 for church-made kraut & pork ribs, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, and homemade pie. Raw Kraut for sale at \$5 for 2.5 lbs. There will be a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles throughout the dinner.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! For registration and info visit www.menofthecross.org

Annual Meatball Dinner – Oct 15

The CV Lutheran Church is hosting a Meatball Dinner on Sun., Oct 15 from 11 AM until gone. \$12/meal. Menu: Big 2 oz. meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, and lefse.

Organ Recital - Oct 15

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites you to come to the Shrine this October 15 at 3 PM for an exceptional organ recital by John Turkington. Free admission—all welcome. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

Annual Fall Turkey Dinner - ABVM Parish - Oct 18

St. Mary's, Viroqua will hold their Annual Turkey Dinner on Wednesday, October 18 from 4-7 PM. Dine-in Marian hall, upper level entrance. Adults \$15, Youth 5-10 \$10. Carry outs available for \$15, lower parking lot. The menu includes roasted turkey, all the fixings and homemade pie.



Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18

This Sunday, Oct. 8, is the deadline for registering for the Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet, which will be held on Oct. 18 at the Cathedral. I hope you can join us! We will honor and pray for our Catholic doctors and nurses at the Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan. After a delicious meal, Fr. Kizewski's talk will focus on the vital topic of the role of conscience in healthcare - how to form and defend it with courage against the threats posed by abortion, transgender ideology, euthanasia, and more. In these troubled times, this is crucial not only for healthcare professionals, but also for patients and their families. Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference - Oct 20/21

Join the Guild for a 2-day conference/retreat examining Religious Liberty in today's world. It is open to all those who want to enhance their faith and learn more about the current state of Catholic Teaching and the history of our faith. This Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the keynote speaker. For more information visit: queenoftheamericasguild.org or call 630-584-1822 or email: staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org

Activity Corner

The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."

Answer: God sent His Son.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th • 7:30 AM—NOON

\$10.00
PER ADULT
\$5.00
KIDS 6-12

ALL YOU
CAN EAT!

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