

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Richards (Fr. Joe)

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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

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

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

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.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.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.stmaryscv.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.

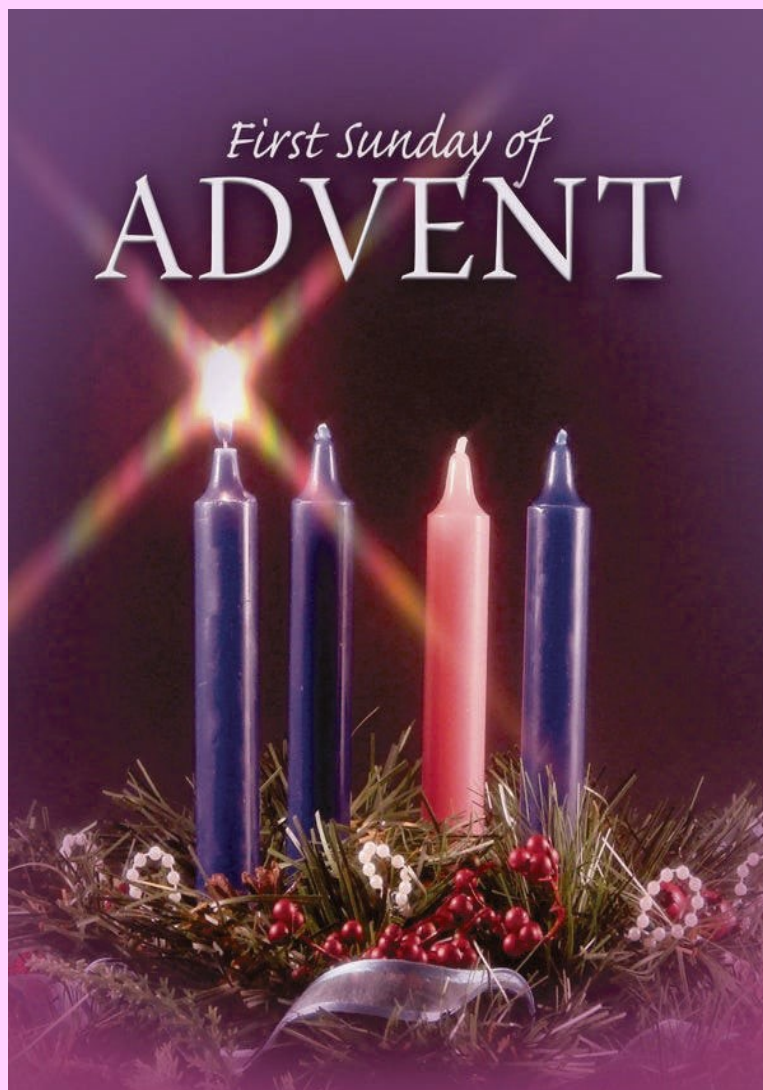
St. Mary's Parish

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Website: stmarycv.org

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Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor
December 3, 2023
Readings: 478B

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings

December 03, 2023

- 1) Isaiah 63:16B-17; 2) I Corinthians 1:3-9;
3) Mark 13:33-37

Intentions

Dec 02 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edward and Anna Kerska
Dec 03 ~ 8:00 AM - † Virginia Nerison
Dec 05 ~ 5:15 PM - Our Parish Family
Dec 07 ~ 5:15 PM - † Joyce Dolan (NO 8AM Mass)
Dec 09 ~ 4:00 PM - † Joan Urbanek
Dec 10 ~ 8:00 AM - † Verdel, Sara, and David Holte

MASS Intentions

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jan. 14, 20, 28; Feb. 3, 10, 17; Mar. 2 or 3, 9, 16 or 17, 23, 24, 31.

Open Weekdays: Jan. 09, 11, 16, 23, 25, 30; Feb. 1, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29; Mar. all Tues and Thurs open.

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.

Next Week in Service — Dec 09 / 10

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

Readers:	Sat. – Robert Kerska Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
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>

Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 11/30/23	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$2,885.00	\$2,885.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,515.00</u>	<u>\$14,515.00</u>
Under Target	(\$11,630.00)	(\$11,630.00)
Percent Pledged: 19.88%, Percent Received: 19.88%		
Number Contributing:	10	

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.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Dec 2/3** ~ CPR/Defibrillator Training after Mass
- **Dec 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Dec 04** ~ Mass of Healing in Cashton - 4:30 PM Adoration and Confessions, 5:30 PM Mass, 6:30 PM Healing Service and prayer teams.
- **Dec 07** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—**Holy Day Mass at 5:15 PM**, NO 8 AM Mass on this day
- **Dec 08** ~ (*In Viroqua*) Holy Day Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8 AM & 12:10 PM
- **Dec 9/10** ~ Retirement Fund For Religious Weekend
- **Dec 16** ~ Confessions in Viroqua from Noon to 2 PM
- **Dec 17** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Dec 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass
- **Dec 24/25** ~ **update** **Christmas Eve 4:00 PM and 12:00 AM (midnight)**
- **Dec 25** ~ Christmas Mass in Viroqua 10:30 AM
- **Dec 26 & 27** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO - **no daily Mass**



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.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of November 29, 2023
Pledges received (30): \$107,720.00
Payments received: \$34,067.50
WE HAVE EXCEEDED THE GOAL!
THANK YOU!



Needed this Month

\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$6,400.50	Received as of week 4
(\$1,599.50)	Short for the Month

Giving Last Week

		11/26/23
Adult Env(27)	\$965.00	Needed Weekly \$2,000.00
Offertory	<u>\$148.00</u>	Received This Week \$1,113.00
Total	<u>\$1,113.00</u>	Running total needed \$96,000.00
		YTD Received \$85,786.87
Christmas		Difference (10,213.13)
Flowers	\$220.00	

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

It's that season again where we've got a bunch of liturgical anomalies around the corner. Here's a schedule breakdown with standard and extra confession opportunities and an explanation of a few specifics.



- **Confessions**

- * After Coon Valley's Tuesday and Viroqua's Wednesday 5:15 Masses (about 5:45)
- * 45 minutes before each weekend Mass (concluding fifteen minutes before Mass)
- * A confession service in Viroqua on December 16 from 12:00-2:00 with myself and the singularly competent Fr. Sam McCarty



- **December 4 -- Mass and Healing Service in Cashton**

- * 4:30 PM -- Adoration & Confessions
- * 5:30 PM -- Mass
- * 6:30 PM for an hour or so -- Healing Service and prayer teams



- **December 8 -- Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation)**

- * December 7 (Vigil Mass) in Coon Valley at 5:15 PM
- * December 8 in Viroqua at 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM

- **December 23/24 -- Ordinary Weekend's Masses for Fourth Sunday of Advent**



- **Christmas (a Monday)**

- * December 24 Vigil Masses in Coon Valley at 4:00 PM and in Viroqua at 6:30
- * December 25 Midnight Mass in Coon Valley at 12:00 AM
- * December 25 Mass in Viroqua at 10:30 AM



- **January 1 -- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

- * Coon Valley at 8:00 AM
- * Viroqua at 10:30 AM

And as for a few explanations:

Mass and Healing Service: This evening starts off with an hour of prayer and confessions and a Mass at 5:30. After this Mass, there are three voluntary opportunities for healing work: first, confessions; second, a line of chairs where participants are prayed with individually by one priest and Deacon Tony holding the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance; and third, prayer teams with a priest or deacon and a few lay people to pray for a specific intention you bring with you. If you have any questions, please ask Deacon or myself and we can fill you in!

Christmas: Given the perfect cozy space for it in Coon Valley and my hope for exactly 74 attendees (which will fill that space very nicely), we've made the decision to host our Midnight Mass in Coon Valley this year. It's a late night, but a great once-a-year celebration of Christ's birth!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: The Obligation part of this Holy Day of Obligation is dispensed this year, but it remains a very holy day in the life of the Church. If you would like to participate, we'll have a liturgy at each parish Monday morning, but no vigil Masses the evening before (Sunday/December 31).

I hope that keeps things clear!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

CPR/Defibrillator Training after Mass this Weekend

All are welcome to attend. Ann Gilbertson will give a CPR / Defibrillator training on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd right after Mass. This can be a new class for you or just a review. Hope to see you there!

Reflections for Advent Booklet and Materials

Advent Gospel Reflections by Word on Fire booklets and other Advent materials are available in the back of church. Feel free to take home whatever speaks to you.



With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized!

Ella Rae Nestingen

Child of Peter Nestingen and Brittney (Hepp) Nestingen

Parish Announcements continued

Christmas Flower Donations

We are now accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. A special envelope is included with your envelope bundles, there are also extras located at the church entrances.

Christmas Choir—All Welcome!

All singers are invited to join the choir for Christmas. Please arrive 30 minutes early to prepare to start singing a few songs before Mass. Hark The Herald, St. Mary's Angels Sing!!

Thank you Everyone.



2024 Contribution Envelopes and Calendars

Both are now available in the back of church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order for ease of pickup. Thank you for your continued support. 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

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Dec 9/10

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Reading from the Bible during Advent

There are seven Scripture Readings pertinent to the season of Advent on a downloadable prayer card available here under the title "Praying with Scripture: diolc.org/deeper. Or if you would like to read the Scripture Readings from Mass each day during Advent as a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas, visit bible.usccb.org.

Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12th

Nearly 500 years ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. All are invited to celebrate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. The day includes a Bilingual Mass offered by Cardinal Burke. Learn more at <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events/solemnity-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe>

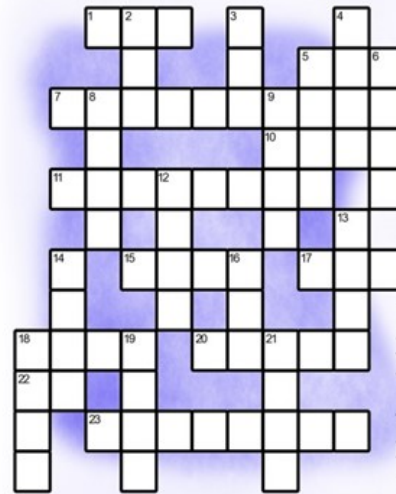
Pilgrimage for Life - Jan 17-21, 2024-Numbers needed ASAP

We are excited to offer the Pilgrimage for Life. We will be traveling 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 estimated to be \$400 per person. All information and registration link can be found at <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

Amen App The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. Register from the Augustine Institute by clicking here: www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen

Activity 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



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

