



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

November 23, 2025 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Reading 679C

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Bulletins

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 6 days prior

Parish Office Hours

Varies - most Wednesdays, Thursday morning and most Fridays

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 5:15pm

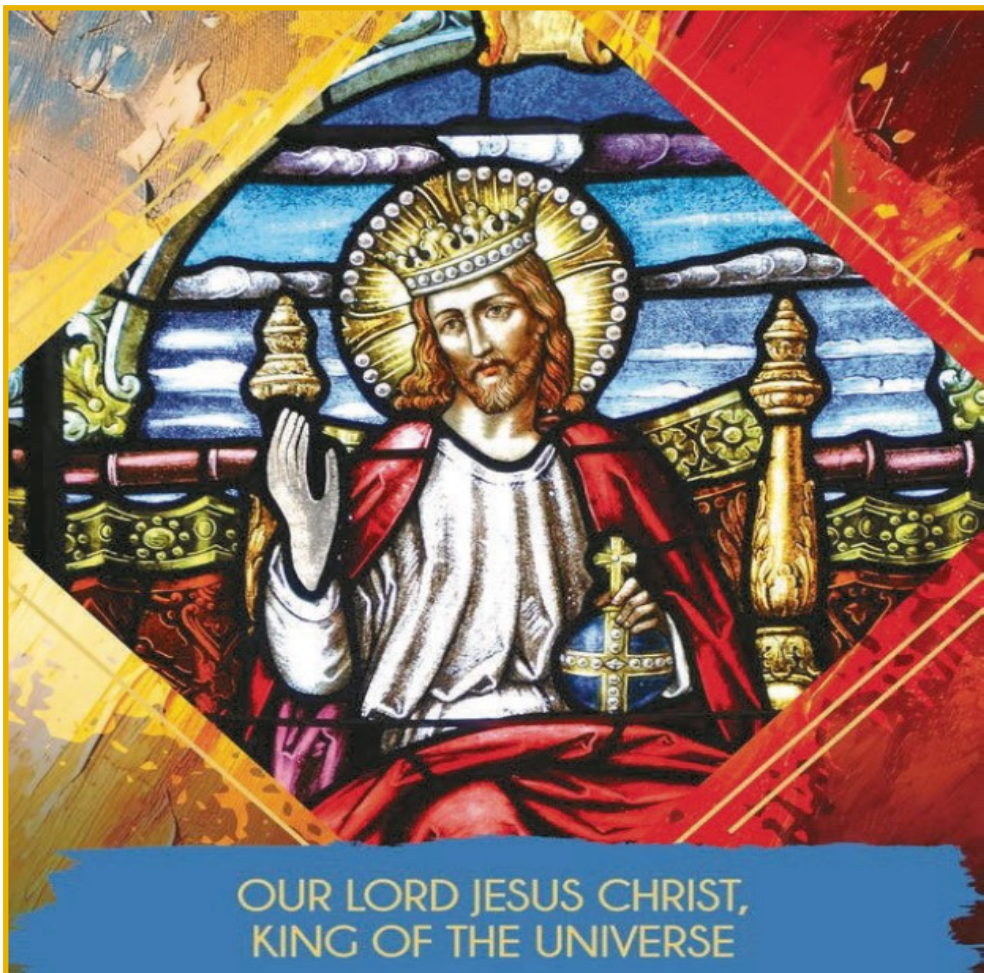
Thursday | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue
Humfeld, Robert Kerska, Lori Pedretti
and Steve Schulte

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Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy
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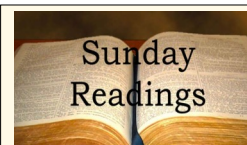
Fr. Joe also serving:

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish, Viroqua**

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 8:00am



November 23, 2025
 1) 2 Samuel 5:1-3
 2) Colossians 1:12-20
 3) Luke 23:35-43

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, November 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, November 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

~ 8:00am Mass - † Ed Gorman
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

TUESDAY, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

~ 4:30pm Adoration
 ~ 5:15pm Mass - † Mary Rose Roningen

THURSDAY, November 27

Weekday—Thanksgiving

~ 8:00am Mass - † James Coonan

SATURDAY, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

~ 4:00pm Mass - † Alfred and Mildred Roesler
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana Lejeune

SUNDAY, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

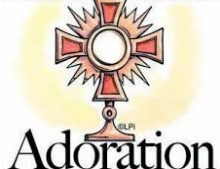
~ 8:00am Mass - † Mary Rose Roningen
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

Adoration, beginning December 1:

- Monday: 7:00-7:30 AM in Viroqua
- Tuesday: 4:30-5:00 PM in Coon Valley (continuing after Advent)
- Wednesday: 5:45-6:30 PM in Viroqua (continuing after Advent)
- Thursday: 7:30-8:00 AM in Coon Valley
- Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM in Viroqua
- Saturday: 9:00-10:00 AM, changing locations – in Viroqua on December 6 and 20, in Coon Valley on December 13

Eucharistic



Adoration

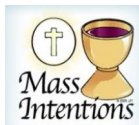
Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Nov 23** ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
- Nov 27** ~ Thanksgiving Day
 ~ Viroqua Community Dinner from 11 AM to 1 PM at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- Nov 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent, begin Cycle Year A
- Dec 3-17** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe
- Dec 6/7** ~ Special collection for Retirement Fund for the Religious
- Dec 6** ~ **Annual Craft Show** at the Coon Valley Village Hall from 8:00 AM to 2 PM
- Dec 7** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
 ~ Encounter Class (middle school) 9-10:15 in Viroqua
 ~ Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua at 7:00 PM
- Dec 8** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day 5:15 PM Mass, replacing the Tuesday, Dec. 9th Mass
- Dec 9** ~ NO Weekday Mass at 5:15 PM
- Dec 18** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass



2026 St. Mary Calendars Now Available

Pick your up today—it contains all the important liturgical dates.



Mass intentions for 2026 are now being accepted. Reserve your special date early to ensure availability. Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Dec is full. Jan 3 or 4, 10, 11, 17 or 18, & 31. Feb 1, 8, 21 and 28. Mar 7 or 8, 14, 21, 28 & 29.

Open Weekdays: Dec is full. Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 & 29. Feb 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26. Mar 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 & 31.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmaryscv@mwtnet.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$5,507.25	Received as of week 3
(\$4,492.75)	Difference for the Month

Annual Appeal 2025-2026

As of 11/13/2025	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$6,105.00	\$3,438.32
Target Amount	<u>\$14,565.00</u>	<u>\$14,565.00</u>
Under Target	(\$8,460.00)	(\$11,126.68)
Percent Pledged: 41.92%, Percent Received: 23.61%		
Number Contributing: 9		
To donate online, visit: https://diolc.org/stewardship/ and in the drop down box choose: 2025(445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley		

Giving Last Week		11/16/2025	
Adult Env (35)	\$1,690.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	257.25	Received This Week	\$1,947.25
Total	<u>\$1,947.25</u>	Total needed	\$92,000.00
		YTD Received	\$89,047.82
		Difference	(2,952.18)

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

Next weekend we're starting Advent up – for most of the month of December we'll be praying through these final weeks of Mary's pregnancy, walking with her and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and (hopefully) quieting down into the stillness of winter. That image of Mary's pregnancy always strikes me as a bit poignant. As well as this celibate not-a-father can, I imagine that going on a hundred mile hike a week before her due date could offer plenty of stress, question marks, uncertainty, concern. What if this child comes early? Where are we going to deliver this child? Will there be anyone there to help us? And yet every sound tradition (never trust an artistic Hollywood exaggeration) points to their trust – "Lord, You have asked us into this, and we trust you to lead us through it."

Anyhow, Advent. I want to share two things for your consideration as we enter this season, both oriented toward our own re-orientation to the manger. The first, as we shared last weekend, concerns Eucharistic adoration. Sidebar: "Eucharistic Adoration" truly refers to any time we pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, whether He's in the tabernacle or out of it. Most of the time, though, when we refer to "Adoration" we're really referring to prayer with the Blessed Sacrament exposed, that is, with the host displayed in a prominent stand (sidebar over). In standard operations we already have time set aside every Tuesday before Mass and every Wednesday after Mass. During Advent we'll add a few more opportunities: Mondays at 7:00 AM in Viroqua, Thursdays at 7:30 AM in Coon Valley, Fridays after Viroqua's 8:00 AM Mass, and Saturdays at 9:00 AM (Viroqua on December 6 and 20, Coon Valley on December 13). These sessions offer a powerful moment to simply be quiet – to step back and let Jesus step forward. If you've never tried it before, please PLEASE do. I'm convinced that Eucharistic Adoration is a place where saints are made, and you're welcome there too.

Second, I reintroduce a prayer I shared back in September, the Unity Prayer. Back then I shared this prayer for us to pray intentionally in the wake of that series of violent attacks, intending it to contribute in some small way to big scale healing and peace. I now share this prayer specifically to intercede for unity and healing within two groups: our families (that is, your family) and our two parishes. I perceive a particular need for this right now (really a number of needs coming together into one broader theme), especially when it comes to letting the Holy Spirit lead and guide and be the true source of our hope and reconciliation and community. Discipleship is hard, and we need to support and be supported by each other. To this end, next weekend I'll have the Unity Prayer popped into our hymnals or pews to pray, throughout the Season of Advent, during the time at the end of Mass in which we customarily pray the Saint Michael prayer. I'm confident that the curious hands of our kids won't let at least 34% of those prayer cards survive until the end of the season, and that curiosity is an okay thing too.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Volunteers on the big day!

Guild chairpersons may be contacting members to request help with the craft show.



Calling All BAKERS!

Let your talents shine and create \$15 of baked goods for our bake

sale or donate \$15 cash. Customers are usually looking for Christmas cookies or specialty items at this bake sale. It's always helpful if items are marked with the asking price. Please drop off on Friday night, December 5 from 6-8pm or Saturday morning (suggested prices will be posted at drop off).

BBQ Needed

We need 5 ladies to donate 3lbs each of BBQ and 4 ladies to donate 2 large pans of bars each, uncut, for the lunch counter at the craft fair. A signup sheet is located in the back of the church. If you bring either of these items you don't need to bring baked goods for the bake sale table.

Advertising

Extra flyers are in the back of church, please help advertise by posting at your place of employment or on a community bulletin board. Thank you!

Quilt Raffle

The quilt tickets which were not picked up were mailed out last week. All ladies of the parish are asked to sell 12 tickets. **The money & tickets can be dropped in the collection box by November 30 or brought to the craft fair by noon on December 6.**

Craft Tables Still Available for Dec. 6th

Have you reserved your craft table for St. Mary's Craft Fair? Time is running out. Please reserve your table now by going online at: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034.

Homemade Pies for Westby Community Thanksgiving Dinner

We need at least 5 pies from St. Mary Parish for this year's dinner. Pies are to be brought to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Westby the Wednesday before Thanksgiving from 9 AM to 4 PM. **If you are able to make a pie please contact Linda Schulte at (608) 397-3643**. The Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner is on Thursday, November 27, 2025, with serving starting beginning 11:00 AM at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 306 S Main St., Westby. Meal is hosted by Bethel Home & Services and Bethel Butikk



Viroqua Community Free Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 27, 2025 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Dining location: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Viroqua delivery - 608/637-3983

Parish Announcements continued

Religious Education—Family of Faith Advent Bulletin Board

Our Family of Faith group has been busy preparing for the Advent season in a beautiful and meaningful way. The children created a new Advent bulletin board, which features a wreath decorated with leaves representing acts of kindness. Each leaf (filled in by the students) reflects their thoughts of kindness, as they “prepare Him room” through hope, peace, joy, and love. We invite everyone to stop by and take a look at their wonderful display (pictured here). It’s a heartwarming reminder of how even small acts of kindness can bring Christ’s light into our parish and our daily lives.



Volunteer(s) Needed for Snow Removal

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help with snow removal at St. Mary Parish this winter. If you are able to help keep our walkways and entrances clear and safe during snowfalls, please talk to Fr. Joe or contact the parish office. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

Diocesan/Community Announcements

St. Nicholas at the Shrine - Dec 7

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 7. Come for 1:00 pm Holy Mass and stay to meet Saint Nicholas!"

Something for Seniors

United Country-Oakwood Realty, LLC is sponsoring the 4th annual **Something For Seniors** gift drive throughout the month of November which is National Long Term Care Awareness Month. **Something For Seniors** is like **Toys For Tots**, but Christmas gifts are collected and given to our seniors living in local healthcare and assisted living facilities. A full list of ideas is found on the collection boxes located at: The Market Place (Cenex) in Gays Mills, Hansen's IGA in Westby, Valley Market in Coon Valley, & in Viroqua: Nelson Agri-Center, The Viroqua Food Coop, Dollar Tree, St Mary's Catholic Church, Vernon County Aging & Disability Resource Center. We ask that only "New" items be donated. Gifts can also be purchased through Amazon. For more information and gift ideas, please visit: SomethingForSeniors.Org or join the Something For Seniors FaceBook Group. Thank you!

Cookie Walks and Craft Sales - Dec 13 (two Parishes)

Mary, Mother of the Church located in the parish hall at 2006 Weston St., La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast and lunch. Door Prizes every half hour.

Holy Trinity Parish December 13, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. At 1333SO 13th St. Christmas cookies, candies & breads. Cookies will be \$8.00 per pound. We will have craft tables with local vendors.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS at the Cathedral - Dec 22

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral on Monday, December 22nd from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

Activity Corner



Christ the King Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words from the list at the bottom. Then put the leftover letters in the spaces to find a little prayer you can say any time.



BEGINNING
CHRIST
CHURCH
CREATOR
DOMINION
EARTH
FEAR
GOD

HEAVEN
HIGH
JESUS
JUDGE
JUSTICE
KINGDOM
LORD

LOVE
PEACE
POOR
REDEEMER
RULE
THRONE
WORLD

_____, _____.
_____. _____!



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

Sacrament of Baptism: 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

CRAFT Show

DECEMBER 6, 2025 | 8 AM - 2PM

COON VALLEY VILLAGE HALL
108 ROOSEVELT ST, COON VALLEY, WI

A Seasonal Tradition for 24 Years
Crafts and Baked Goods of all kinds
Concession counter opens at 8 AM
Free Admission

More info contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 and/ or e-mail
Peters@mwt.net or St. Mary's at 608-452-3841 or
visit stmarycv.org and click on "Craft Show" Tab

Tables available for crafters \$30 before Nov. 1st, \$35 after Nov. 1st
(tables provided)

Parish Movie Night – Thank You!

We had a wonderful turnout at our Parish Movie Night, with more than 60 adults and children joining us to watch *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. It was truly uplifting to see so many parishioners coming together to share an evening of laughter, warmth, and community. Kids cozied up with blankets and pillows, pizza and popcorn were enjoyed by all, and the joyful atmosphere filled the hall.

A heartfelt **thank you** to Bridget Goodwin for coordinating the event, preparing the pizza and popcorn, and leading the effort. We are also grateful to the volunteers who assisted her in making the night such a fun-filled and successful gathering for our parish family.

