

# St. Mary's Parish

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*The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2020*

*Reading 596A*

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**St. Mary's, Coon Valley**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

**Weekday Mass:**

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

**Local Parishes—Mass Times**

**Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua**

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge**

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

**St. Peter, Middle Ridge**

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

**Holy Day Mass:** Please check the bulletin for times.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [fmattmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:fmattmarshall@gmail.com). You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

**Mass Intentions:** Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

**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 Mass intercessions.

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

- 1) Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
- 2) 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
- 3) Matthew 5:38-48

**FOCUS:** Strive for perfection in love.  
 Jesus expands on the law that his followers knew well. As God loves all people without partiality – *the bad and the good, the just and the unjust* – so are all who follow him to do. Certainly this can be difficult, but it is not impossible. For by Christ's sacrifice, we have been made children of the Father. With his help, and God's grace, we are capable of striving for the perfection in love to which we are called.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Leviticus, the Lord declares his statutes to Moses for the Israelites, calling them to holiness and love. In our second reading, Paul instructs the Corinthians, calling them to holiness as temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus preaches a new standard of love and justice, calling his followers to love their enemies.



Giving Last Week		Week 07	2/16/2020
Adult Envelopes	\$1,130.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$280.00	Received This Week	\$1,601.00
Ash Wed	\$20.00	YTD Needed	\$13,300.00
CCHD	\$20.00	YTD Received	\$11,046.00
Catholic Life	\$160.00	Difference	(2,254.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,610.00</b>		
41 Env. Received			

#### Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Mar. 3, 4, 6, 11, 20, 27, **29**, & 31. Apr. 15. May 6, **16 or 17**, 19, 20, **23, 24**, 26, & 29.  
 Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM ~ †Larry and Myrtle Geier
Feb. 23 - 9:15 AM ~ †Kylie Von Ruden
Feb. 25 - 6:00 PM ~ †Arlene Seichter
<b>Feb. 26 - 7:00 PM ~ †Burt Ekern</b>
Feb. 28 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Feb. 29 - 4:00 PM ~ Don and Roxanne Weber Family
Mar. 01 - 9:15 AM ~ †Deceased member of the Fleming and Ollendick Families

Annual Appeal 2019-2020		
As of 02/21/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,545.00	\$13,945.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Under Target	\$2,790.00	\$2,190.00
Percent Pledged: 123.73%, Percent Received: 118.63%		
Number Contributing:	37	
<b>WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET!!! ALL DONATIONS FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH!</b>		
Thank you all who have donated! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <a href="https://diolc.org/donate-online">https://diolc.org/donate-online</a> , under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.		

#### Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

	Sat., Feb. 29 4:00 PM	Sun., Mar 01 9:15 AM
Servers:	<b>Volunteers</b>	Grant and Wyatt McCauley
Reader (s):	Jeana LeJeune	Pat Baranczyk
Communion Minister (s):	Jeana LeJeune	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and <b>Volunteer</b>	Dan VonFeldt and <b>Volunteer</b>
Money Counters:	Randy Baranczyk and Leo Nickelotti	
Altar Server sign up at:	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4</a>	

<b>Upcoming Events/Calendar</b>		
Feb 23	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Feb. 26	8:00 AM	NO morning Mass this day
Feb 26	7:00 PM	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Feb. 26 to Mar. 4		Fr. Matt on call at the hospitals in La Crosse.
Mar. 1	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 3	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 6	8:00 AM	Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i>
Mar. 8		NO Religious Education Classes
Mar. 10	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 15	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 17	6:00 PM	NO MASS-Fr. Matt at Deanery Meeting
Mar. 22	After Mass	<b>RE Trip to the Synagogue</b>
Mar. 24	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 29	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 31	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Apr. 3	8:00 AM	Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i>
Apr. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes

## Parish Announcements

### Safe Haven Sunday – Year II Pornography is a Social Injustice

One of the most degrading attacks on the dignity of the human person is pornography. As we prepare to recognize Safe Haven Sunday throughout the Diocese of La Crosse, learn how best to respond to this attack and to advocate for a proper understanding of the gift of our sexuality through the array of resources available at <https://diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography>

### Parenting Ebook

In conjunction with Safe Haven Sunday, Covenant Eyes is proud to announce Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids. This brand-new ebook looks at the ways in which building strong family connections help remove the desire for kids to ever look at porn. Download an ebook copy at: <https://learn.covenanteyes.com/connected/>

### Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

### Ashes Available for those Unable to Attend Service

Ashes will be available in the sacristy in little cups for you to take home and share with loved ones who were unable to attend Ash Wednesday. You can distribute the ashes anytime in and around the date. Please consider doing so. To some people it is a big help! Just ask them to find out. Ashes and little cards with the day's prayers are available. Please tell me if more are needed. You can dispose of the ashes very simply by dumping them outside. The little cups can be rinsed in an ordinary sink and then recycled.

### We Are Called-Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

### Synagogue Trip Rescheduled

The trip that was cancelled last weekend due to weather and has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 22, please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. If you had signed up and cannot make this date or if the new date now works and you would like to attend, please talk to Fr. Matt.

### Bagels and Bibles

Consider joining Fr. Matt for **Bagels and Bible** at Congregation Sons of Abraham (1820 Main St. La Crosse). The meeting is **Tuesday, February 25th, noon - 1 PM**. Bagels and Bible is a Bible study group hosted by the Jewish community of La Crosse. Fr. Matt and Rabbi Brian read the Scriptures together, with others who are interested in discussing the Word of God. All are welcome to join for conversation and learning about faith. Bagels and lox provided by the Congregation. No cost. Next discussion is the Book of Genesis. Bibles provided.

### Father On-Call Schedule

Fr. Matt on-call at both Gundersen and Mayo from Wed. Feb. 26th to Wed. Mar. 4th. Please allow extra time for Fr. Matt to respond to parish concerns.

### Having/Had a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. Please contact the parish

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office if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year of 2020 to add your names to the list. Couples will be invited to celebrate with Bishop William Callahan on June 14, 2020 at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse.

### Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

*Amazon Smile* is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, please choose St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: [amazon.com/smile](https://amazon.com/smile) and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" or simply click the link on our parish website: [stmarycv.org](https://stmarycv.org)

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

**Ash Wednesday Mass will live-streamed** on the Diocesan website: [diolc.org](https://diolc.org). The Mass is at 12:10 PM from Cathedral in La Crosse, Bishop Callahan presiding.

**Consider applying to help with the 2020 U. S. Census.** You can apply online: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). Or you can call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information. Census takers are paid weekly, have flexible hours, and receive paid training too. Please consider if you might be able to assist this way in the care of our community.

### Coulee Region Mardi Gras

*2020 Fat Tuesday Celebration*, February 25  
For more information and ticketing, visit: <https://www.lacrossemaidigras.com/>

### Pancake Breakfast

February 23 at St. Joseph Ridge Parish. Please join us in our School Hall from 8 AM to 11:30 AM for and ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast, serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a beverage for \$7, \$5 for children 5-12, under 5 free. There will also be a bake sale and a cash raffle.

### Listening Across the Political Divide

Join us for two local workshops on civil discourse facilitated by the nationally known non-partisan organization **Better Angels**. Workshops are Sunday, February 23 (Depolarizing Within at English Lutheran Church) and Tuesday, March 10 (Skills Training at Western Technical College Lunda Center). Attend one or both workshops free of charge thanks to [Great Rivers United Way](https://www.gruw.org/great-rivers-united-way), [LeaderEthics Wisconsin](https://www.leaderethics.org), [League of Women Voters of La Crosse Area](https://www.leagueofwomen.org), [Western Technical College](https://www.westerntechnicalcollege.edu), and [English Lutheran Church](https://www.englishlutheran.org). Registration is required at [www.gruw.org/angels](https://www.gruw.org/angels).

### You could be a Homeowner with Habitat for Humanity!

Anyone interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area's Homeowner Program is invited to attend an Information Meeting on February 27-29. Go to [www.habitatlacrosse.org/how-to-apply1](https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/how-to-apply1) for more information or to sign up to attend.

### Political Analyst to speak at UW-L

David Gergen, who advised Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton and is a current senior political analyst for CNN, will speak as part of the ongoing "Civility in a Partisan Era" series from 6-7:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in The Bluffs, UW-La Crosse Student Union, 521 East Ave. N. Admission is free and open to the public.

### Cabin Fever Fest-Euchre Tournament and Luncheon

Sunday, March 1st at St. Peters Church. Doors open at noon, cards start at 1 PM. Only \$10 per person. 1st -4th place prizes. Soups, snacks and beverages included. Questions call Melissa Schaub 608-486-4012 or email [stpetersrectory@centurytel.net](mailto:stpetersrectory@centurytel.net).

### March Market (Craft/Vendor Show)

La Crosse's Blessed Sacrament Women's Club is hosting their first March Market on Saturday, March 7 from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. At the Msgr. Wagener Parish Center. For information, to register as a vendor/crafter or to volunteer, contact the parish office at 608-782-2953, visit: [www.bsplacrosse.org](https://www.bsplacrosse.org), or contact the event representative Barb at 608-784-6974 ([scwjoy@gmail.com](mailto:scwjoy@gmail.com)). \$25 registration fee by February 22nd.

### Death Cafe

MARCH 5 (Thursday, 5-6:15 p.m.), Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse. Facilitators: Nursing students from Viterbo University. We all know that death is an inevitable part of life, but how often do we really think about it – much less talk about it? Please join us for a meaningful and open discussion about death and dying. All are welcome.

The first "Death Cafe" was offered in the United Kingdom in 2011, and the idea has since spread throughout the globe. According to the official website ([deathcafe.com](https://www.deathcafe.com)), the purpose is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives."

Nursing students from Viterbo University will facilitate this group-directed discussion with no agenda or pre-determined objectives. It's important to note that this is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. Refreshments will be provided. There is no cost to attend this event, but freewill donations toward the cost of refreshments are appreciated. Registration is required; please call 608-791-5295 or visit [www.FSCenter.org](https://www.FSCenter.org) by February 28 to reserve your spot

### Televised Masses for Shut-ins:

WXOW CH 19  
La Crosse – Sunday:  
9:30 AM  
EWTN (cable/sat.) –  
Sunday: 7 AM & 11  
AM Daily: 7 AM &  
6 PM

### Catholic

**Broadcasting:**  
EWTN Catholic  
Cable Television  
Vernon Telephone  
Cable – Chan. 143  
MediaCom Chan 15  
– Coon Valley  
Chan 74 – La Crosse  
also available via  
satellite

### Natural Family Planning:

Information on natural family planning can be obtained by calling 715-235-6226 or visiting the web site at [nfp@diolc.org](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

### 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.

- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).