

# St. Mary Parish

*Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor  
Dcn. Tony Shay*

## Church Address:

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*March 03, 2024*

*Readings: 509B*

*Take these out of here, and stop making  
my Father's house a marketplace.*



*Third Sunday of Lent*

## PASTOR

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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

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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:** MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris Carskadon

**Fr. Joe also serving:**

## Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend: .....Saturday.....6:30 PM

Sunday .....10:30 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](http://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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND [jrichards@diolclergy.org](mailto:jrichards@diolclergy.org) You will  
be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The  
registration form at: [www.stmarycv.org/sacraments](http://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](http://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

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Sunday Readings

March 03, 2024

- 1) Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;  
2) 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; 3) John 2:13-25

### Intentions / Schedule

#### SATURDAY, March 2

*Third Sunday of Lent*

-4:00pm Mass - † Joan Clements  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

#### SUNDAY, March 3

*Second Sunday of Lent*

-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

#### TUESDAY, March 5

-5:15pm - Stations of the Cross    Server: Ryan G  
-approx. 5:45pm - Mass - † Mary (Elsen) Sedevie

#### THURSDAY, March 7

-8:00am Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska

#### SATURDAY, March 9

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

-4:00pm Mass - Roskos and Roningen Families  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector:

#### SUNDAY, March 10

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

-8:00am Mass - † Gavin Williams  
Altar Servers: Volunteers      Ushers: Volunteers  
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti & Rodney & Kathy Berg



### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
Sunday: 7:15am to 7:45am



**Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

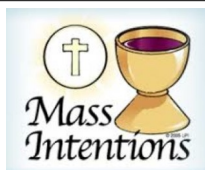
### Annual Appeal 2023-24

As of 02/26/2024	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$11,690.38	\$8,390.38
Target Amount	\$14,515.00	\$14,515.00
<b>Under Target</b>	<b>(\$2,824.62)</b>	<b>(\$6,124.62)</b>
Percent Pledged: 80.51%, Percent Received: 57.80%		
Number Contributing: 24		

To donate online visit: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/> then choose either "single gift, recurring gift, or pledge" and in the parish dropdown, choose; 2023 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Mar 03** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Mar 05** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** -5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 06** - cleaning of the church basement 1:00PM
- **Mar 09** ~ *\*date change\** RE monthly activity 2-2:45PM at the Norseland Nursing Home
- **Mar 11** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30PM
- **Mar 12** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 17** ~ Coffee and refreshments after Mass sponsored by the PCCW - St. Cecilia Guild
- **Mar 19** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 26** ~ **5:15 PM Stations of the Cross** - 5:45 PM Mass
- **Mar 28** ~ No 8 AM Mass
- **Mar 28** ~ **Holy Thursday Mass** in Viroqua at 5:15 PM
- **Mar 29** ~ **Good Friday Service - here at 12:10 PM**  
~ in Viroqua at 3:00 PM
- **Mar 30** ~ **Holy Saturday** in Viroqua at 8:00 PM
- **Mar 31** ~ **Easter Sunday - 8 AM Mass**
- **Apr 07** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.



**Open Sat. and Sun. dates:** Jun 9, 23 & 30; Jul 13, 20, & 27; Aug 3 or 4, 10, 11, 24, 31.  
**Open Weekdays:** Mar. 12, 14, & 21; Apr. 4, 11; May 2, 7, 14, & 23. Jun.6, 11, 13, 18, 20, & 25. Jul 2, 4, 9, 11, 25, & 30.

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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00  
As of February 26, 2024  
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00  
**Payments received: \$36,779.50**

THANK YOU!



Needed last Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$7,921.92	Received as of week 4
<b>(\$78.08)</b>	Difference for the Month

### Giving Last Week

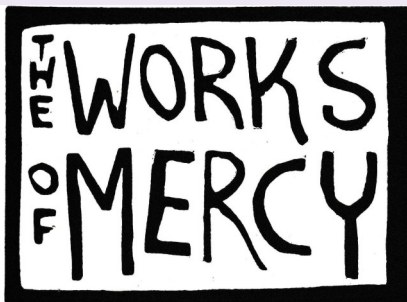
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Adult Env(31)	\$1235.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Sun Offertory	\$153.36	Received This Week	\$1,783.36
Cath Life Mag	\$60.00	Running total needed	\$16,000.00
Memorials	\$335.00	YTD Received	\$16,061.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,783.36</b>	Difference	61.42

## From the Pastor

Hello friends,

I want to take a moment this weekend to return to Deacon's homily from last weekend. He opened up two specific categories of self-gift that you may or may not be familiar with – the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (to clarify, “corporal” means having to do with the body, or the physical). These are an excellent tool to consider during Lent, especially when it comes to the “almsgiving” part of the Lenten Big Three (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) – they ask the question “how can I go out of my way to look out for the other?” I also appreciated the point Deacon made about the emphasis we place on the corporal works of mercy, sometimes at the expense of the spiritual works – the physical works are accessible, understandable – when we exercise them, we see a tangible result. But the spiritual works of mercy are what moves us from caring for the body to caring for the whole person. There's a necessary balance between the two – we care for people's physical (corporal) needs specifically so we can get to the deeper care of their spiritual needs, but if we don't have the physical safety to survive we'll never have the opportunity to thrive.

Anyway, allow me to present these works of mercy one more time for your continued reflection. As we keep walking deeper and deeper into Lent, take a good minute to consider how you can live one or two of them out – don't feel pressured to live every one (or you'll never get started at all), but certainly feel the freedom to stretch new muscles. In list form, here we go:



**The Corporal Works of Mercy:** Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor.

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy:** Counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, praying for the living and the dead.

God bless you, pray well,

Fr. Joe

## Parish Announcements

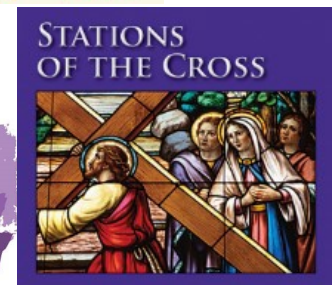
### Thank You

The food pantry at the Butikk is ever for grateful for your \$194.00 gift from your November/December collection. This donation will go a long way in stocking our shelves so we can keep helping those less fortunate in our area. We appreciate your continued support.

With grateful hearts, *The Bethel Butikk*

**Lenten Rice Bowls** for Catholic Relief Services **and Student Mite Boxes** for Missionary Childhood Association are now available in the back of the church.

**Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign Has Ended**  
Birthright thanks you for your support. **Late bottles will gladly be accepted.**



### Lenten Regulations:

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. 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.

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### CV Lutheran Church

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Mar 3**, serving 8 AM – noon, Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$4, 5 and under free. All are welcome!  
**FISH FRY - Mar 13, pre-sale tickets only.** We will be serving batter-fried cod, baked potato, and coleslaw for \$12.00. The ticket sales are pre-sale only, so we know how much cod to order and are available now from Mike Lusk. They also will be available for sale at the Pancake Breakfast at CV Lutheran Church on March 3.

### Healing Mass and Service-Cashton - Mar 4

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on March 4th at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30 pm with Adoration, devotions,

## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

confessions and Holy Mass (5:30), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

### Lenten Day of Reflection – Mar 9

March 9, 2024: The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI will be hosting a Lenten Day of Recollection. The day includes talks on **The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell, and Heaven**. No admission cost! Learn more about the day's schedule at [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)!

### The Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit – Mar 13

All are welcome to visit the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe from March 13, 2024 - March 20, 2024 @5:00 pm. View a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion. "It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person."

### Fish Fry – Mar 15

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 15, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

### 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon – Mar 20

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. We will be honoring our In My Name Award recipient, Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award recipients Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase! Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please **RSVP** online at <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/> by March 15 as seating is limited.

### Chrism Mass – Mar 26

The Mass will be on March 26, 10:30 am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. Please consider attending!

### Celebrate Life Convention - Abby Johnson Event – Apr 13

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LCDCCW) is hosting their biennial convention on April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. We are encouraging everyone to purchase a ticket for the event, attend the full day or just the luncheon to hear the guest speaker Abby Johnson.

Abby Johnson is the author of *Unplanned*, which was made into a movie of the same name. Ms. Johnson was a Planned Parenthood Director for many years. After witnessing an abortion on ultrasound Abby changed her position on abortion. Her testimony is powerful, join us in hearing her important message. For registration and more information visit [www.ldccw.org](http://www.ldccw.org)



## Activity Corner



### Jesus at the Temple Word-Find

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HEVTEPXOTA  
MZEALIEIET  
FORTYLNMMH  
OUTABLESPE  
PSULEEHLR  
THREEDOVES  
MONEYIUSIX  
SWEJEWSTOP  
BODSHEEPDY

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: The temple of His body.

### Fish Frynder is Live!

For a complete list of all diocesan parish Lenten meals, organized by day, visit the Fish Frynder at [diolc.org/fishfrynder](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder) or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right above.



### 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](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net)



The Third Week of Lent

# REPENT

Meditations for the Season of Lent

## AND BELIEVE

### Out of the Temple

John 2:13-25

*When Jesus saw the moneychangers, merchants, sheep, oxen, and doves at the Temple, he became angered, not because of what they were doing, but because of where they were doing it. The old law required animal sacrifice, so the availability of the proper animals for purchase wasn't at issue. But making the act of worship into a commercial, for-profit enterprise by selling those animals within the Temple itself made a mockery of a sacred duty.*



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#### POINTS TO PONDER

- When I attend Mass, am I fully aware that I am in the presence of God during that time?
- When was the last time I went to confession?
- As we enter the third week of Lent, what progress have I made spiritually? Do I need to make a "course correction" for the remaining weeks?

Although we no longer purchase animals for sacrifice on the steps of our churches, the temptation to turn faith into profit is still with us. Today, as in Jesus' time, there is wealth to be made in religion and spirituality. But even for those of us who don't profit directly from our faith, there is a pull to make it into just another thing we do every week, instead of a true act of worship.

When we come to Mass, we can be distracted by worldly affairs, more concerned with what we (or someone else) is wearing, even slipping out early so that we can get on with "real life." In today's Gospel, Jesus is showing us that the time we give to God needs to be given freely and fully — without being compromised by anything else. This Lent, let us make the time we spend at Mass a highlight of our week.

“Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting.”

— St. Benedict





# SIGNS OF THE SEASON *The Scrutinies*

This week and the two following weeks, we celebrate the Scrutinies. Their purpose is “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141).

While specifically designed for those who are entering the Church, all of us can benefit from the Scrutinies by examining our hearts and consciences for both healing and strengthening.

## CATHOLIC INSIGHTS Works of Mercy

Along with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are encouraged to perform both corporal and spiritual acts of mercy during Lent. During the next few weeks, try to do at least one act of mercy.

### The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

## FamilyActivity

### Crown of Thorns

To encourage children to perform good deeds and make small sacrifices during Lent, make a “crown of thorns.” Twist a rope of tan modeling clay into a circle and then stud it with toothpicks. Each time someone in the family makes a sacrifice or does a good deed, pull one of the toothpick “thorns” out of the “crown.” Try to remove all the “thorns” by Good Friday.



## Catechism CONNECTION

“In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path (cf. Ps 119:105), we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord’s Cross.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1785



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## LENT PRAYER

### Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.”  
— Psalm 42:1

*My Lord, as we enter into the third week of Lent, help me to put aside worldly concerns and focus more deeply and completely on you.*