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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....8:00am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm  
Thursday.....8:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Upon request

## PARISH OFFICE

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## COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Niki Haugh

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Nancy Peters (Secretary), John Mislivecek, Bryan Berg and John Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Mike Kammel, and Steve Schulte.  
(3 appointed vacancies)

## PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

## ORANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris Carskadon.

## Fr. Matt also serving at:

### Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM  
Sunday .....10:30 AM  
Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Call or email Fr. Matt. You can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

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

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office or Fr. Matt 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. <https://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

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Website: [stmarycv.org](http://stmarycv.org)

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"Christus und Die Kinder" nach Emil Nolde

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Matthew Marshall*

*Pastor*

*September 19, 2021*

*Readings: 651B*

*St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI*  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

- 1) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
- 2) James 3:16-4:3
- 3) Mark 9:30-37

**FOCUS:** Jesus calls us to humble service.

A common thread in today's readings is that the marks of faithfulness are humility, peacemaking, and service to the lowliest among us. In the midst of cynicism, which is so often the reality of our modern world, how can we better witness to the world the peace of Christ?

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In Wisdom, the wicked speak of testing *the just one* until he sins or until God intervenes. In the second reading, James says that *the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace*. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus teaches about his passion but the disciples do not understand; he then demands humble service of his followers.

**Upcoming Events/Calendar**

- **September 21** ~ PCCW Meeting, 7 PM
- **October 10** ~ Our Annual **Pancake Breakfast** is back!
- **October 19** ~ Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM
- **December 4** ~ St. Mary's *Annual Craft Show*, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the CV Village Hall

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

**Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)



The Calling of Saint Mathew, 1600 by Caravaggio

Sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Remember to shop for deals at **smile.amazon.com**, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."



**Next Week in Service — Sep 25/26**

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

Reader:	<b>Saturday</b> – Jeana LeJeune <b>Sunday</b> -Volunteer
Money Counters:	Randy Baranczyk and Leo Nickelotti

**Intentions**

Sep 18 ~ 4:00 PM - †Alex and Rose Roskos
Sep 19 ~ 8:00 AM - †Arlene Seichter
Sep 21 ~ 6:30 PM - †Pham and Silha Families
Sep 23 ~ 8:00 AM - †Rosie LeJeune
Sep 25 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stella Hohlfield
Sep 26 ~ 8:00 AM - †Jim Shay

Giving Last Week		Week 37	9/12/2021
Adult Env.(26)	\$1,575.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$100.00	Received This Week	\$1,960.00
Pancake Bfst(10)	\$285.00	YTD Needed	\$71,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,960.00</b>	YTD Received	\$68,242.26
		Difference	(3,157.74)

**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.

**Donations:** Here are some ways to support your parish:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](https://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley) (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's

## From Fr. Matt

### Who, Me? Yes, You!

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast day of St. Matthew. Since he and I share a name, he has always been a hero of mine. But his story has something for us all to remember, Matthew or not! It's beautifully illustrated here by this painting from Caravaggio.

For the longest time I always thought that Matt was the man with the pointing finger. Maybe like he was pointing at himself with surprise! *Who, me?* That's definitely one way to read it. But one of my professor's pointed out a different way too. What if he is pointing at that seemingly, totally disinterested guy on his left. Yeah, the one just looking glumly at the tabletop! *Who, him?* That might be the case too. Either way, breaking in (like the light in the painting) is Jesus. He's calling. He believes Matt has something to offer. Even if he doesn't believe in himself, even if others don't either.

It's interesting to consider this moment in the light of the other two Gospels. We believe that Matt, like Peter, was not his original name. That's common in other cultures, receiving new names at many times in life. In the Hmong community I know a man with three names. And we kinda do the same at Confirmation still. The Gospels of Mark and Luke talk about Jesus calling a man by the name of Levi who sounds a lot like the man we have come to know as Matt. I doubt an accident. Maybe Jesus gave Matt a new name too. Maybe the community did. Or maybe Matt renamed himself, like Paul would do years later when he converted. I wonder if that might be it. 'Cause you know what *Matt* means, right? Kind of a double meaning: *gift from God AND gift for God*. Boy, that really does describe it. That moment up above...the call. People would come to understand that there was a lot more to Matt than met the eye. He would come to see that about himself too. But Jesus already knew. *God knows that about us all.*

## Parish Announcements

### Religious Education—New Coordinator



We thank and welcome **Niki Haugh**, our new Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) for the year. Fr. Matt and Niki will be working together with RE families this month to get create opportunities for growing in the practice of our faith.

### Pancake Breakfast Collection

As in the past, we will be having an extra **collection for the Breakfast**. Special envelopes for each registered family are in the back of church, please pick yours up today. Any remaining envelopes will be mailed the week of September 26th. Suggested donation is \$20+.

## Parish Announcements continued

### Help Advertise the Pancake Breakfast/Bake Sale/Quilt Raffle

Included with the bulletin today is a flyer for the upcoming breakfast. Please help with advertising by posting one or several (extra in back of church) in the community or your place of business. Thank you!

### PCCW Pancake Breakfast Help—October 10th

**St. Rose Guild** will be cleaning the church basement in September in preparation for our Pancake Breakfast.

#### Pancake Breakfast Assignments

Set-up - St. Cecilia Guild  
Kitchen - St. Catherine Guild  
Bake Sale - St. Theresa Guild  
Clean-up - St. Rose Guild



We will need considerable help to make our Pancake Breakfast a success so please sign-up to help. Guild chairs will be calling for your help.

All ladies of the parish are asked to provide \$15 worth of baked goods or garden produce for the bake sale. If that isn't possible, a \$15 donation to PCCW would be appreciated.

### St. Mary's Craft Show Crafter Registration

Registration form and information has been posted to our website at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show>  
**15th Annual Ridgefest - Sept. 19**

## Diocesan/Local Announcements

Celebrate the Ridge History Park on Sunday September 19, 2021 from 11 AM- 4 PM with a classic car, truck & tractor show, live polka music, food & beverages, silent auction & bake sale, Farmers market, horse & wagon rides, Barrel train & kites for the kids and a petting zoo. Fun for the whole family!

### Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass. For information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@diolc.org](mailto:rzietlow@diolc.org).

### The 16th Annual American Cancer Society Sole Burner

Sat. Sept. 25, 2021, at the Chaseburg Village Park, 401 Depot St. Registration will be at 11 AM and the "Best Ever Chicken" drive through chicken-que starting at 11 AM also. Activities include vendors, a health fair, a live dessert auction, silent auction, bucket raffle, wine cork raffle, Home Depot Kids event, bounce house, face painting, live music, raffle drawing, a variety of soups, and much more. Contact Eric Ostrem at 608-452-3135 or Linda DeGarmo at 608-452-3367 or [grannydegarmo@yahoo.com](mailto:grannydegarmo@yahoo.com) for more information. To join a team or donate go to [acsmove.org/Chaseburg](http://acsmove.org/Chaseburg).

### Chili and Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle - Sep 29

Hosed by the CV Lutheran Church on Wed, Sep 29 from 4-7 PM. Everyone Welcome! Cost: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, age 5 and under free.

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## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

**Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet with Bishop Callahan**  
Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: **“Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body.”** Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit [diolc.org/gospeloflife](http://diolc.org/gospeloflife).

**Boy Scout Catholic Religious Emblems—  
Ad Altare Dei Emblem & Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem**  
Next virtual session is October 10 from 2-4 PM. For more information call 608-783-4911 or email registration by October 3rd to [catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com](mailto:catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com). Next session after October will be January 16, 2022.

## Week of September 19th Readings

**Monday 20 Sept ~ Ezra 1:1-6 (Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and their Companions)**  
Ezra (and Nehemiah) worked at the time of the return from the Exile in Babylon. The book opens with the permission to return, granted by the Persian king, Cyrus the Great.  
*Luke 8:16-18*

The first part of this reading is plain, especially if you consider that a lamp, in those days, meant a naked flame! The second part is more difficult, but certainly a warning against any hint of complacency or sitting on our “laurels”!

**Tuesday 21 Sept ~ Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 (St Matthew)**  
The readings are special for the feast. The first one from Ephesians reminds us of the variety of gifts needed in the community of faith, including the gift of teaching and writing.  
*Matthew 9:9-13*

It is historically unlikely that the Matthew of this story was the author of the Gospel. Nevertheless, the story does go to the heart of the proclamation of Jesus, a proclamation of compassion, just as challenging today as in Jesus’ day.

**Wednesday 22 Sept ~ Ezra 9:5-9**  
The context for the prayer in this reading helps. After the return from Exile, there was a risk of intermarriage and Ezra was very much against that, thinking it would bring another national disaster. Hence he does penance and offers prayer.  
*Luke 9:1-6*

The Twelve are empowered to do *exactly what Jesus did*. Just like him, they are to depend on the providence of God and the kindness of strangers. Shaking off the dust is a prophetic gesture of judgement and rejection (cf. Luke 10:11; Acts 13:51; 18:6).

**Thursday 23 Sept ~ Haggai 1:1-8 (St Padre Pio)**  
The prophet Haggai was active just after the return from the great Exile. The reading gives a very exact date, the year 520. Haggai preaches the rebuilding of the Temple, because the prosperity of the nation depends on it.  
*Luke 9:7-9*

The Herod here is not Herod the Great, as he was long since dead. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled from 4 BC to AD 39, sharing the rule of his father’s realm with his two brothers. He makes a unique appearance in Luke’s Gospel (only) at the trial of Jesus. Today’s story catches nicely the

## Week of September 19th Readings

callousness of the powerful, combined with the inevitable effect of Jesus, even on such unlikely people.

**Friday 24 Sept ~ Haggai 1:15-2:9**  
Our reading is a kind of divine proclamation for the rebuilding of the Temple. Reconstruction after catastrophe—the task of the Israelites—is also our task today.

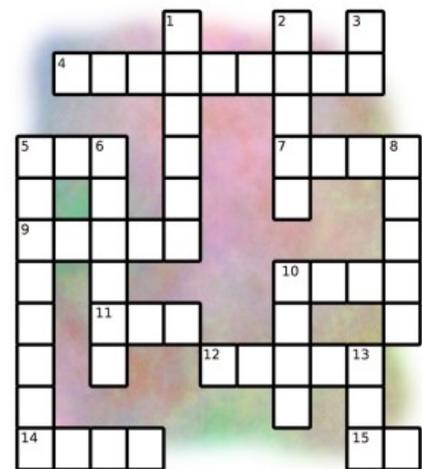
*Luke 9:18-22*  
We associate this story with Caesarea Philippi, but Luke gives no geographical context. Rather, the context is that of the prayer of Jesus, consistent with Luke’s portrait of Jesus as a man of prayer. It is interesting that he spares the blushes of Peter by omitting Peter’s rejection of Jesus’ destiny.

**Saturday 25 Sept ~ Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15**  
Zechariah wrote at roughly the same time as Haggai and faced the same problem of reconstruction. Using engineering language, the prophet assures the inhabitants that God will be the “measure” of the city.  
*Luke 9:43-45*

The vain temptation to complacent admiration never really goes away. It’s likely that whenever the church enjoys uncritical admiration that it is not at its most gospel.

## KIDS CORNER

### Psalm 54 Cross- Word



Unscramble the words in today’s Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.  
a=Across d=Down

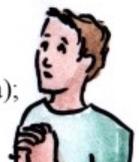
O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,  
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);  
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),  
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);  
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;  
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);  
I will praise your name, O Lord,  
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



Answers: ACROSS: 4.sacrifice, 5.God, 7.hear, 9.offer, 10.life, 11.not, 12.words, 14.save, 15.to, DOWN: 1.prayer, 2.might, 3.me, 5.goodness, 6.defend, 8.risen, 10.Lord, 13.set

# Pancake Breakfast



**Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle**

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Church**  
**900 Central Ave.**  
**Coon Valley, WI**

Join us for all you can eat  
pancakes, sausage,  
scrambled eggs, applesauce,  
beverage and more.

**Dine in or Carry out**



**Age 11 and up: \$8.00**

**Ages 6-10: \$4.00**

**Age 5 & Under: Free**

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