

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay

September 28, 2025 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 655C

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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



Lazarus and the Rich Man

~Luke 16:19-31

Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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Parish Finance Council

Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek,
Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John
Roesler (Buildings and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

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

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

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

Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

Fr. Joe also serving:

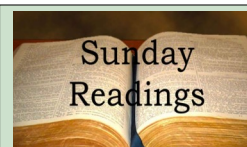
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

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

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



September 28, 2025

- 1) Amos 6:1a, 4-7
- 2) 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- 3) Luke 16:19-31

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - † Rose Marie LeJeune
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, September 28

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Mass - † Betty Gorman
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, September 30

St Gerome

- 4:30pm Adoration
- 5:15pm Mass - For the Priest

THURSDAY, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:00am Mass - For Bishop Gerard Battersby

SATURDAY, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm Mass - † Willard and Mina Kubal
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jeana LeJeune

SUNDAY, October 5

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman



Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sep 20-Oct 2** ~ Amy on PTO, for admin needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **Oct 5** ~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Oct 12** ~ Our *Annual Pancake Breakfast* 7:30 AM until food is gone or noon (whichever comes first)
- **Oct 16** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 19** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ Parish Social hosted by St. Cecelia Guild
- **Nov 1** ~ All Saints Day
- **Nov 2** ~ All Souls' Day
~ Daylight Savings Time ends, clocks back 1 hr at 2 AM
~ Rel. Ed (FoF) after 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua
- **Nov 3** ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM
- **Nov 16** ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass ~ Parish Social hosted by St. Rose Guild
- **Nov 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Nov 27** ~ Thanksgiving Day
- **Nov 30** ~ First Sunday of Advent, begin Cycle Year A
- **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
- **Dec 8** ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed



Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 5, 12, & 19. Nov 16 & 30. Dec 7, 13, 14, 27, & 28.

Open Weekdays: Oct 2, 9, 21, 23 & 28. Nov 25. Dec. 2, 11 & 23.

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@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of September 5, 2025
Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00
Payments received: \$63,866.50
THANK YOU!



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$4,235.50	Received as of week 2
(\$3,764.50)	Difference for the Month

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.

Giving Last Week		9/14/2025	
Adult Env ()		Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory		Received This Week	\$2,604.50
Pancake Bkft()		Running total needed	\$74,000.00
Votives		YTD Received	\$70,491.56
Total		Difference	(3,508.44)
Information not available at time of printing for 9/21/25			

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

With Deacon Tony preaching this weekend I want to get my two cents in on the readings – especially Paul's "But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" to Timothy. Timothy is a dear friend and mentee of Paul, a third-generation disciple of Jesus Christ through the work and model of the second-generation (debatably first) St. Paul. There's a lot to be seen about spiritual expansion in that image right there. Evangelization is not about inventing a new kind of wheel (sometimes it's a matter of the wheels just doing their job) – evangelization is a simple matter of handing on what we have first received. Again, sometimes we get that backwards – in our desire to bring people back or bring new people in we put the work of discipleship before the discipleship itself. In order, discipleship looks like an encounter with the Lord, entering and investing in a relationship with Him, and then going out on the mission he has in store for each of us.

Anyway, "But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." St. Paul is encouraging the already-docile and already-earnest Timothy to the work of discipleship here. "Righteousness" – living a rule of life ordered around right relationship; "devotion" – choosing to focus on and invest in important building blocks (which also means saying "no" to less important things); "faith" – conviction in and commitment to what the Lord reveals about who He and we are; "love" – conscious self-gift and focus on the other; "patience" – accepting and working through what is not "my way;" and "gentleness" – the skillfully controlled application of force and restraint to foster and cultivate growth and restoration. Before all these qualities Paul uses a very important word, "pursue." Discipleship takes active pursuit, active work. Take weight lifting as an analogy – regular training doesn't make intentional exercises any easier – it just makes the weight lifter stronger to lift with more frequency or greater weight or better control (and more precisely all three). I would argue that the pursuit of discipleship actually makes life harder rather than easier – the more I say "yes" to the Lord, the more I'm saying "no" to "non-lords" that I have made "lord," and that dying is a hard business. If we were hedonists focused on maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain it would be worth abandoning discipleship, and thank you Lord that You haven't made us to ever be ultimately satisfied as hedonists.

Okay, ramblings over. God bless you, and hear that Word one more time, "But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

Fr. Joe

Pursue
righteousness,
devotion,
faith, love,
patience, and
gentleness.

Fight the good
fight of the
faith.

1 Tim 6:11-12

Parish Announcements

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 12, 2025



Spread the Word

A flyer is in today's bulletin and extras are in the back of the church. Please help spread awareness of our event by posting them (with permission) in the community (such as the grocery store, bank, phone company, etc.) or your own business, and please invite everyone you know.

PCCW Baked Goods

The ladies of the parish are all asked to donate \$15 worth of baked goods/garden produce to be sold at the pancake breakfast. If you are unable to bring baked goods/garden produce a \$15 cash donation is acceptable.

PCCW Guild Assignments

Set-up St. Theresa, kitchen/dining room - St. Catherine, Bake Sale—St. Cecelia & Clean-up—St. Rose. Guild chairpersons will be calling members asking for help in their designated area. Please offer a few hours of your time to help make this a successful event for our parish.

Men's Club Sign up to Work

Get the shift and job you want by signing up early, a sign up sheet is posted in the back of the church.

Donate

As in past years, we are requesting at least a \$20 donation per family in lieu of a raffle. Envelopes for this purpose are in the back of the church by registered families or anonymous. Thanks for your support.

Looking Ahead: A New Parish Sign

For some time now, our Finance Council has been exploring the possibility of upgrading our parish marquee to a double-sided digital sign. This improvement would allow us to share parish news, Mass times, and community events more effectively with all who pass by our church.

At this point, we have received two bids ranging from \$20,000 to \$34,000 and are continuing negotiations to ensure the best value for our parish.

We ask for your prayers as we work to balance good stewardship with the need to keep our parish visible and welcoming.

PCCW News

Weekend Parish Socials & Guild Hosts

- Sept 21 will be St. Catherine Guild
- Oct 19 will be St. Cecelia Guild
- Nov 16 will be St. Rose Guild
- Dec 21 will be St. Theresa



October Rosary

The rosary will be recited before the weekend masses during the month of October. Please come to church at least 20 minutes before the start of mass to participate. If you are willing to lead the saying of the rosary contact Karen Callan.

Next PCCW Meeting

Monday, November 3 at 5:30PM in the church basement

Parish Announcements continued

Religious Education Registration -

If you missed the last two weekends of registration and would like to participate in a program please visit our website at: www.stmarycv.org/religious-education and/or contact Pat Obernberger at stmaryformation@mwt.net



Thank You, Bridget Goodwin!

Our parish family offers heartfelt thanks to Bridget for her generous volunteer service in leading our youth religious activities every month. Her dedication, care, and faith-filled guidance make it possible for our young people to stay engaged and connected to their parish family here in Coon Valley. Bridget, your commitment is a true blessing to our community. We are so grateful for all you do!

Listening Sessions

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session at a location near you. A team will travel to 40 sites inviting all of us to share in the process of strategic and pastoral planning. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures in church or visit: www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch



Diocesan/Local Announcements

40 Days of Life - Sep 24 to Nov 2

Opening Rally with Ramona Trevino. 12:00 Noon on Thursday, Sept 25 at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia Street, La Crosse, WI. Free lunch provided. For more details or to sign up, go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse>

St. Philp's Fall Festival - Oct 5

Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Philip Church, 42678 Church Rd., Soldiers Grove, WI. Meal of pulled pork sandwich, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, pie and ice cream \$12 for adults, \$5 children, under 6 free (carry-outs available), also offering baked sale, basket raffle, and raffle.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 8

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge hosting their annual Sauerkraut Supper on Wednesday, October 8 from 4 PM-7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pie. Cost \$16 for dinner, raw kraut (2.5 lbs) \$5. There is also a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles.

19th Annual Queen of the Americas Guild - Oct 17-18

Keynote speaker Cardinal Burke, for full conference schedule see the flyers in the back of the church or go online at: QueenoftheAmericasGuild.org.

Organ Recitals—St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Sept 28—Gabriel Rivera Bird

Oct 26—Daniel Schwandt

Nov 16—Chad Winterfeldt

Sunday Afternoons at 3:30 PM, freewill offering

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

National Catholic Youth Conference - Nov 20-23

Conference will take place in Indianapolis, IN. Cost is \$800/person includes: bus, hotel, conference fee and some meals. Bus departs Thursday, Nov 20 and returns, Sunday, Nov 23. For more information and to register visit: dioc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/ncychome/

Activity Corner

Sort-the-Pictures

Lazarus and the Rich Man



In this story are Lazarus, the rich man, and Abraham. The pictures are not in order, though. Can you put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the corners to show their proper order?

Answers: Top 6, 3, Middle 1, 4, Bottom 5, 2

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@diocclergy.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.

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale!

Carry Outs Available

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th • 7:30 AM—NOON

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

\$10.00

PER ADULT

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

**St. Mary
Parish**

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**Our famous pancake
topping bar includes:**

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberries
- Strawberries
- Chocolate Syrup
- Sprinkles
- Whip cream
- Peanut Butter

