

St. Mary Parish

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

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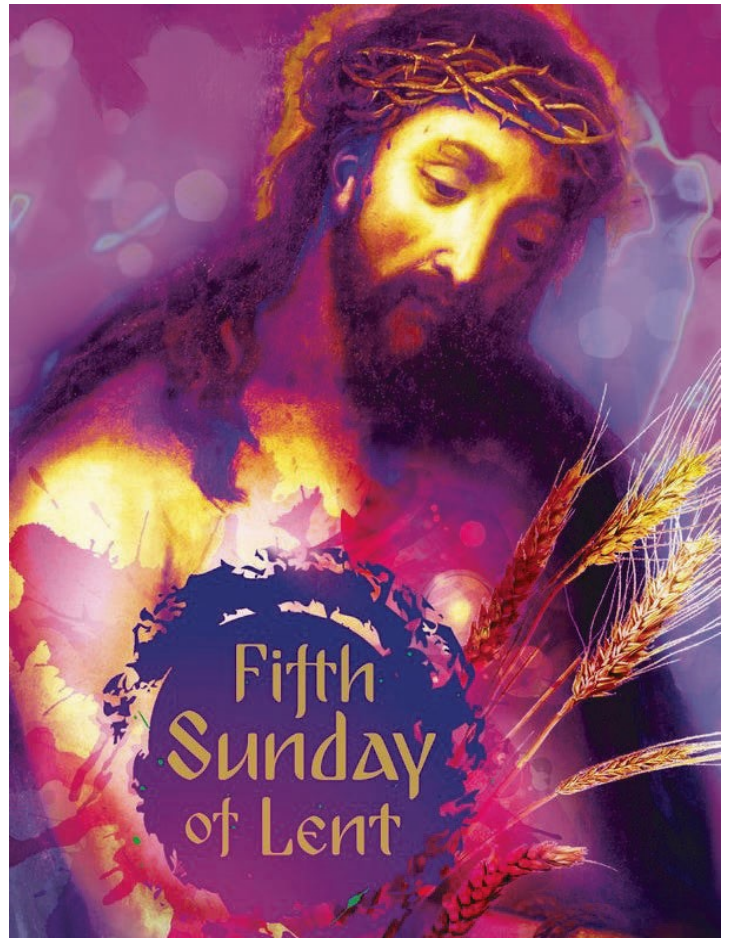
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March 17, 2024

Readings: 515B



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

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mike Callan, 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: MaryBeth Smith, Linda Schulte, & Chris Carskadon

Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

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

Sunday10:30 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

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 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 Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Readings

March 17, 2024

1) *Jeremiah 31:31-34*; 2) *Hebrews 5:7-9*;
3) *John 12:20-33*

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, March 16
Fifth Sunday of Lent
-4: 00pm Mass - † Edwin and Anna Sedevie
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

SUNDAY, March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
-8:00am Mass - Our Parish Family
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Mike Kammel and Mark Boland

TUESDAY, March 19
-5:15pm - Stations of the Cross Server: Volunteer
-approx. 5:45pm - Mass - † Stanley and Francis Kerska

THURSDAY, March 21
-8:00am Mass - † Joe and Roger Beibl

SATURDAY, March 24
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
-4: 00pm Mass - † Tyler Turben
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Jean LeJeune and Volunteer

SUNDAY, March 25
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
-8:00am Mass - † Kylie VonRuden
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Marlene Humfeld and Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

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 03/15/2024 | Total Pledged | Total Payments |
| Pledged/Paid | \$11,950.00 | \$8,650.00 |
| Target Amount | <u>\$14,515.00</u> | <u>\$14,515.00</u> |
| Under Target | (\$2,565.00) | (\$5,865.00) |
| Percent Pledged: 82.33%, Percent Received: 59.59% | | |
| Number Contributing: 24 | | |

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

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **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 21** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Mar 25** ~ Men's Club Meeting at 6 PM
- **Mar 26** ~ Chrism Mass 10:30 AM at the Cathedral
~ **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 29** ~ **Passion Play**
in Viroqua at 7:00 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.
- **Apr 11** ~ 🎂 🕯️ Fr. Joe's Birthday! 🎉 🙏

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 9, 23 & 30; Jul 20; Aug 3 or 4, 10, 11, 24, 31.

Open Weekdays: Apr. 11; May 2, 14, & 23. Jun. 11, 20, & 25. Jul 4, 11, & 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 or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of March 15, 2024
Pledges received (30): \$109,020.00
Payments received: \$37,204.50

THANK YOU!

| Needed this Month | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| \$10,000.00 | at \$2000 per week |
| \$4,168.00 | Received as of week 2 |
| (\$5,832.00) | Difference for the Month |

| Giving Last Week | | | |
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| | | 3/10/2024 | |
| Adult Env(32) | \$2,250.00 | Needed Weekly | \$2,000.00 |
| Offertory | \$295.00 | Received This Week | \$2,545.00 |
| Total | \$2,545.00 | Running total needed | \$20,000.00 |
| | | YTD Received | \$20,229.42 |
| Gd Fri/Holy Ld | \$20.00 | Difference | 229.42 |
| Easter Flowers | \$60.00 | | |

From the Pastor

Hello friends,

We are just one week away from Holy Week now. We're pulling back on decorations around our churches, marking the subdued, somber feeling of this particular culmination, and we catch our breath one last time before the plunge. I've been leaning hard into the Story of Holy Week – it's not a scattered smattering of extra events, but one long passage from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to His Last Supper with the disciples to His ordeal from the Garden until the crucifixion until finally we reach the triumph of the resurrection. If you'd like to be a bit more familiar with this whole narrative, I'll refer you back to last weekend's bulletin (available on either church's website), and in the meantime allow me to highlight a few of the Moments and extra curriculars available over the next two weeks.

The Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Masses at the regular times

Passion Play in Cashton at 7:00 PM on March 24, with a few of our Coon Valley kids included

Monday Confess-a-thon (not the official name), where a dozen or so priests (myself included) will rotate through at the Cathedral to hear confessions from 9:00-6:00

Tuesday Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 10:30, where the priests of our diocese gather to renew their promises and the Bishop blesses the Chrism Oil, Oil for Anointing of the Sick, and Oil of Catechumens

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:15 in Viroqua. *Followed by an evening of adoration* until midnight in the room next to Fran's office (follow the hall right around from the church). The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with a suspenseful procession out of the church with the Blessed Sacrament to a separate chapel. We have a signup at both churches this weekend to make sure there are a few folks present each hour until midnight – if you are available, please take a look and sign up for one of these slots. Likewise, feel free to stop in even without signing up. This evening follows that charged question Jesus asks his disciples, "could you not watch one hour with me?"

Good Friday services at 12:10 in Coon Valley and 3:00 in Viroqua.

Passion Play in Viroqua at 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil at 8:15 PM in Viroqua. This is a long one, and profoundly beautiful.

Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Mass in Coon Valley, 10:30 in Viroqua.

After the 10:30 Mass we'll have a potluck Easter Brunch downstairs – please RSVP by marking yourself down on the signup sheet or by emailing julie.moore29@gmail.com.

Okay, deep breath. God bless you and have a holy, Holy Week!

~ Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



The Photo Directories Have Arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick up your free copy in the back of church this weekend. If you would like an additional directory or did not have your photo taken and would like a copy, we have additional copies for sale, the cost is \$8.00. Please contact Clarice Kammel or the parish office to purchase.

Easter Flower Donations

Please use the envelope included in your booklet. Additional envelopes are at the back of the church and near the side door. Thank you for your support.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Support the Holy Land

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. The collections supports the following programs: Faith, Memory and Culture—the Holy Places; Social and Charitable Activities; Educational and Scientific Activities, Pastoral Activities; and Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communication Programs. The Holy Land Franciscans are counting on your financial help to assist in providing presence, care and service.

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!

PASSION PLAY - Mar 29

Annunciation of the BVM Parish in Viroqua will have a live performance of the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM. It takes many hands to produce good theater so if you interested in helping with acting, costumes, props, set production, lighting, makeup, etc., please contact Brenda Corr 608.632.5208. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-8 PM during Lent with possible additional times during Holy Week. (Parental discretion is advised for children under the age of reason as this will be a realistic depiction of Christ's suffering and death on the cross.)

Consider Attending with Local PCCW Members - Apr 13 Celebrate Life Convention - Abby Johnson Event

The guest speaker for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Biennial convention will be Abby Johnson. She is the author of *Unplanned* which was made into a movie. Abby is an anti-abortion activist who previously worked at Planned Parenthood as a clinic director, but resigned in October 2009. She states that she resigned after watching an abortion on ultrasound. **Our PCCW will pay the registration fee for any members of St. Mary's who would like to attend.** If you can't stay for the whole convention, come for the lunch and speaker. All those interested should contact Clarice Kammel (608-792-2198) as soon as possible. She will send in your registration.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Roncalli Newman Lenten Penance Service - Mar 19

Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse will be hosting a penance service Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm. The evening will include Lenten prayers, songs and the opportunity for Confession with Father Billy Dodge, Father Sam McCarty, or two other priests. Whether it's been 2 weeks or 20 years since you've been to Confession, you are welcome here! Join us in this beautiful way to prepare for Easter.

Fish Fry- Mar 22

St. Charles School, Genoa-Friday March 22 5:00-7:00 pm. \$15.00 for 3 piece Cod, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, bun. 250 dinners—first come-first serve. Bingo 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Pro-Life Night Out - Apr 28 (register by Mar 25)

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for a night out with fellow pro-lifers at our Spring Social on April 18, 2024 from 6pm-8pm at the Lodge at Mauston (104 Lodge Lane Mauston, WI 53948). Enjoy dinner, drinks, fantastic company, and hear powerful real-life testimony from one of our faithful sidewalk counselors, Mr. Don Hudzinski. **Tickets are \$40 each available through Monday, March 25.** For more information and to register go to ProLifeWI.org/spring-social.

Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross - Mar 29

Good Friday 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at St. Rose Convent on the corner of Market and 9th streets. This form of the Way of the Cross – recalling the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary to be crucified – is a two-mile community prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River. We'll stop at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect on injustices and suffering in our community and the world. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to participate. This event is entirely outdoors; please dress for the weather. Also note: You will have to walk back to the stations' starting point or arrange for a ride back from Riverside Park. This event is FREE. Registration is appreciated but not required. www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295

Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser - Apr 27

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge!). \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60! Registration and more information can be found at: roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints

Family Camp:

A family Camp will take place at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI. The cost is \$350 for a family of four, with an additional \$30 for each person above that number. It starts on Friday afternoon to early evening and ends on Sunday at noon. The camp will take the families on adventures and include family-style meals, arts and crafts, prayer, faith talks, family time, bonfires, Mass, and great fellowship! Please contact Cheryl Kauffer at goshawckpk@gmail.com for more information.



Activity Corner



St. Patrick's Day Word Search



Can you find these Saint Patrick's Day words?

They can be forward, backward, diagonal, or up and down.

Saint
Patrick
Green
Luck
Rainbow

March
Shamrock
Jig
Parade

Pot
Gold
Leprechau
Irish
Snakes



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 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



The Fifth Week of Lent

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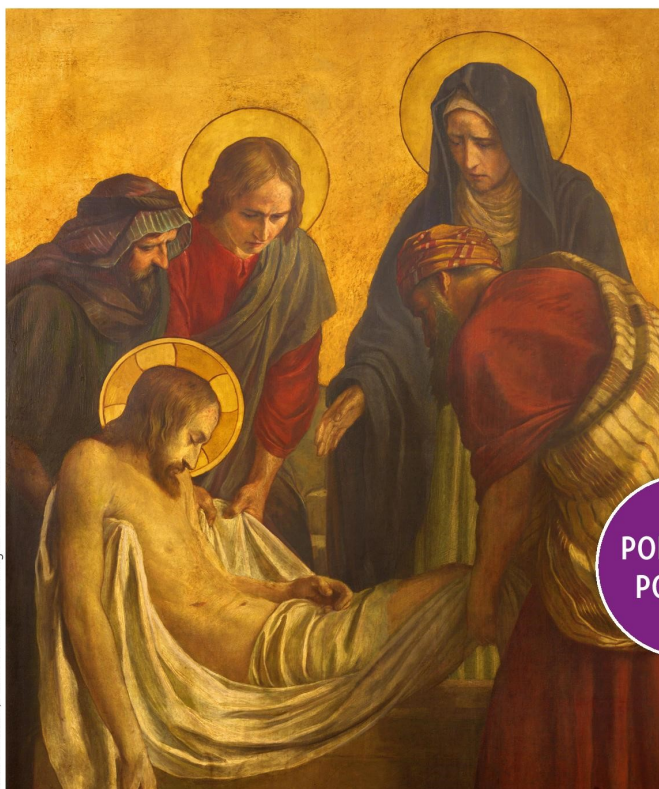
Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

Jesus Predicts His Own Death

John 12:20–33

As the Gospel opens, Jesus is well aware that his time on earth is coming to a close. In fact, he admits that he is “troubled,” but adds, “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Upset as he admits he is, he still puts the Father first.



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In today’s Gospel, a voice responds to Jesus’ prayer by saying, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” Also, Jesus tries to explain to the crowds his true identity, the Son of Man, and the real meaning of the cross — the salvation of all the world.

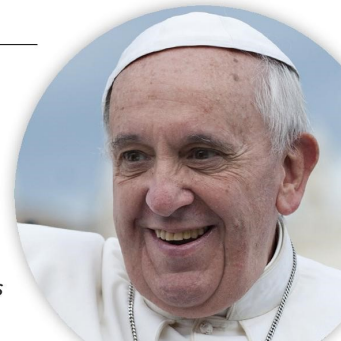
Through his obedience to the Father, Jesus reveals God’s glory. He foreshadows his crucifixion and death through the language of service: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will be my servant” (Jn 12:26). As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we are called to bring forth the glory of the Lord as we follow Christ in service to God and one another. Let us remember not just the pain of Christ’s passion, but the reason for his death — to bring us the gift of reconciliation with God the Father.

POINTS TO PONDER

- Have you ever considered that Jesus might have been “troubled” about what was going to happen to him? How can the way he dealt with his anxiety help you deal with your own worries and fears?
- Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive? Do I keep in mind that it is as we forgive that we are forgiven?
- How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

“When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion; he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners, and to take upon himself the burden of our sins.”

— Pope Francis



CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

According to Church law, all Catholics “having reached the age of discretion” are required to confess all “grave sins” at least once a year. It is also recommended that they confess venial sins. Lent is the ideal time to make a good confession. Most parishes offer extended confession times and even special penance services.

LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

“This is the promise that he made us: eternal life.” — 1 John 2:25

Thank you, my God, for your steadfast love, which guides me in this life and waits to welcome me home to the next.



FamilyActivity

Random Acts of Kindness

We are called to serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family, write out on slips of paper several random acts of kindness that can be carried out over the week. Include things like smiling at someone, picking up trash, making a phone call to a grandparent, and helping someone carry a package. Throughout the week, have each family member draw a slip and complete the action. When everyone has completed their random act, talk about what happened and how it felt.



Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Catechism CONNECTION

“It is called the **sacrament of confession**, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a ‘confession’ — acknowledgment and praise — of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

“It is called the **sacrament of forgiveness**, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent ‘pardon and peace.’

“It is called the **sacrament of Reconciliation**, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Cor 5:20). He who lives by God’s merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord’s call: ‘Go; first be reconciled to your brother’ (Mt 5:24).”
— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1424