

PASTOR

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Tues. 1:00 PM until Mass time
Thurs. after Mass until noon and by appt

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

Amy Stafshien, Admin. Assist.....608-452-3841
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon
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Open most Wednesdays and Thursdays

COORDINATOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacant

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, Lori Pedretti and Steve Schulte. (1 appointed vacancy)

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

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

MUSICIANS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and 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 fatherjoerichards@gmail.com 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.

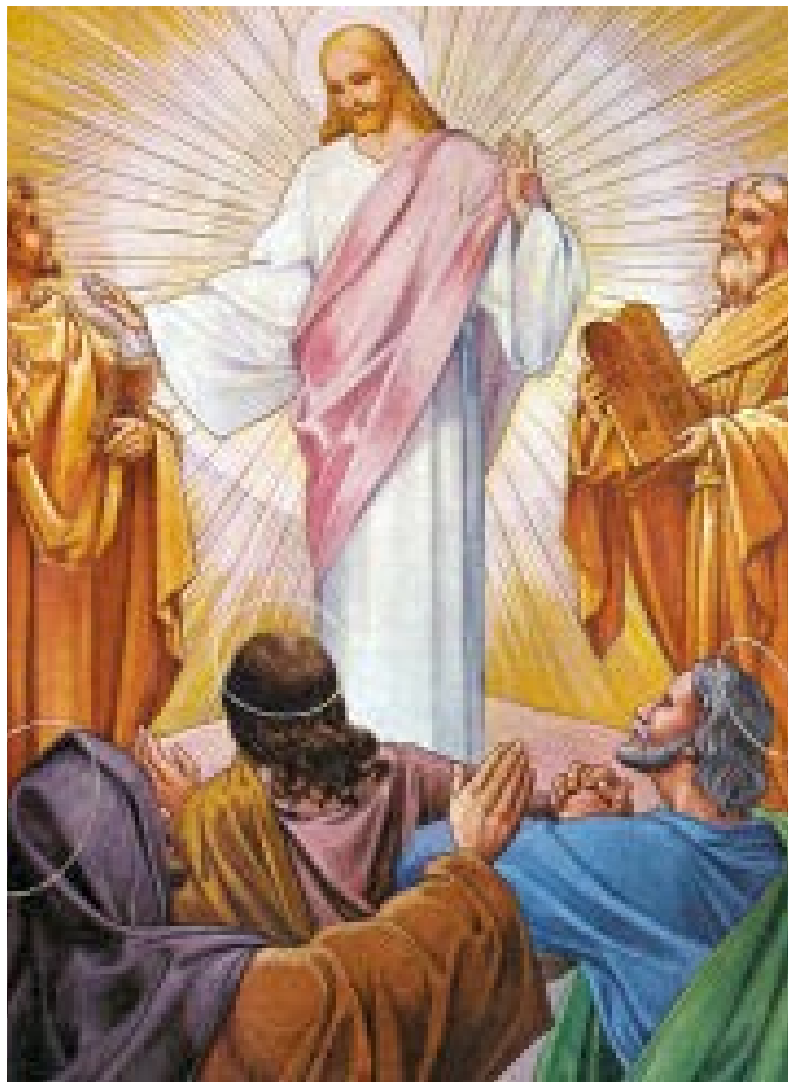
St. Mary's Parish

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Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

August 6, 2023

Readings: 756A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Feast of The Transfiguration



Sunday Readings August 6, 2023

- 1) *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14* 2) *2 Peter 1:16-19*
3) *Matthew 17:1-9*

Intentions

- Aug 05 ~ 4:00 PM - † Joseph and Alvina Sedevie
 Aug 06 ~ 8:00 AM - † Robert "Bob" Dickman
 Aug 08 ~ 5:15 PM - † Jean (Gilkes) Lange
 Aug 10 ~ 8:00 AM - † Albert and Julia Sedeveic
 Aug 12 ~ 4:00 PM - † Larry and Myrtle Geier
 Aug 13 ~ 8:00 AM - Our Parish Family

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Oct 22 & 29.
Nov 19, Dec 10.

Weekdays open: Oct 24, Nov 9, 14, & 28.
Dec. 14, 19, 26, & 28. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwat.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Aug 12/13

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

Readers:	Sat. – Nancy Peters	Sun. – Marlene
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers	Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman	

Donations: Here are some ways to support your parish:

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

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.

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **July 25-Aug 9** ~ Amy on PTO, for administrative needs please contact Fr. Joe.
- **August 8** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 4 PM
- **August 14** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **August 14-18** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO
- **August 15** ~ *Holy Day of Obligation, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass 5:15 PM*
- **August 17** ~ No daily Mass
- **August 19/20** ~ Mission Coop weekend

Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook is back:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or

<https://masstimes.org/>

Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-5:15 PM (Mass time) and **Thurs. from Mass until noon.**



Wednesdays and Fridays in Viroqua, and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons will be flex options. **Note that some of this time will also include home and nursing facility visits**, so, please *call or text beforehand* (608-606-9787) or look for the Terrain under the maple tree out back in the parking lot.

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
 As of July 11, 2023
 Pledges received at the Diocese(26):
 \$92,720.00

Payments received at the Diocese: \$23,3600.00
 Under Goal (\$12,280.00)
 Percent of Goal Pledge: 88.30%
 Percent of Goal Received: 22.96%



Needed for the Month of July

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week

\$5,468.00 Received so far

(\$4,532.00) Short for the Month



Sorry, Secretary fill in and I couldn't get the numbers!

Giving Last Week		Week 29	
Adult Env(31)		Needed Weekly	
Offertory		Received This Week	
Total		<u>Running total needed</u>	
		YTD Received	
		Difference	

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

As I mentioned last weekend, John's time with us came to an end after last Sunday's 10:30 Mass. By now John has wrapped up the La Crosse seminarians' week-long get-together (which he also organized) and is heading back to Chippewa for a week-long family get-together before heading to Milwaukee for the year's seminary work. A few months ago, as we were all getting things ready for John to move into the rectory and to start a few summer projects (Bible study, lawn mowing, server training, etc.), I told you and him that my hope for his experience with us was A) to see first-hand what a parish priest's life looks like, for his own discernment down the road, and B) for you all to encounter another young man considering giving his life to Jesus Christ and His Church in this particular vocation. I also warned you that John would most likely receive twenty-seven dinner invitations in his last week and a half, so get moving sooner than later. I believe both those goals and that warning were fully met, and I am very grateful to all of you for opening your homes to John, for welcoming him so warmly, and for introducing him to another corner of our diocese. If you would like to send John a note or care package, you can reach him at St. Francis Seminary, 3257 S. Lake Dr. St. Francis, WI 53235.

This is perhaps also a good occasion to make a non-sacramental confession: contrary to popular belief, as it is propagated by my slanderous backhandery, I don't dislike either Fr. Sam McCarty or Msgr. Kachel. In fact, just last Monday (the typical priest's day off) Fr. Sam and Msgr. Kachel joined Fr. Brandon Guenther (Chippewa Falls) and I for a golf outing up in Onalaska, and I downright enjoyed it. One of the greatest gifts of my priesthood has been the brotherhood among priests. During COVID my three classmates (Frs. Sam McCarty, Levi Schmitt, Daniel Williams) and the two guys ordained a year ahead of us (Frs. Brandon Guenther and Ethan Hokamp) officially entered an unofficial fraternity with each other, wherein we gather on a monthly basis at one of our rectories to cook dinner, have adventures, and intentionally share the blessings and challenges of ministry. Mentors like Msgr. Kachel and Fr. Martin (Wausau) have given an example of priesthood well-lived from before my ordination and of older brotherhood now that I'm locked in. I'll level with you, priesthood is hard (just like parenthood is hard), but the brotherhood among priests is a true gift, bridging ideological and liturgical differences, offering the safety to challenge and lift up, and providing the confidence to know that, even in different parishes and ministries, we're working side-by-side. I pray for you fairly constantly (not entirely constantly, I also sleep) – pray for my brothers and myself too, and we'll all keep working toward sainthood together.

God bless you,
Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

New Church Directory - Book Your Picture Time

It is time to schedule your picture to be taken for our new church family directory. The photographer will be here on **September 6, 26 & 27**. Be sure to schedule your appointment early so you can get a date/time that works best for your family. Appointments will be available from 2:00 to 8:36 PM. **There will be help before and after Mass this weekend and on July 29 & 30 to schedule a time. There will also be someone available to schedule appointments during the parish picnic for those who need assistance.**



You may also sign-up using the website www.ucdir.com, **church code is wi259 and password is photos**. You may Contact Clarice Kammel at 608-792-2198 with questions or to change or cancel your photography appointment

The plan is to have everyone on the schedule by early August. Members who haven't scheduled by early August will be receiving a call from the directory committee. The parish is hoping to include pictures of **all parish members** in this edition of the family directory.

Event Photos for the Directory

If you have taken photos of any recent parish events such as: Spring Luncheon, Youth Celebration-Graduates, Confirmants, 1st Communicants, Community Picnic, Pancake Breakfast, Craft Sale, etc. Please email them to the parish office at: stmaryscv@mwt.net for consideration in the Photo directory.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

See SOUND OF FREEDOM – Powerful Movie on Daring Rescue of Trafficked Children

See the movie taking the country by storm – SOUND OF FREEDOM, a true story starring Jim Caviezel as Tim Ballard, a Homeland Security agent who quits his job and puts his life at risk to go on a dangerous journey through the Colombian jungle to rescue hundreds of children from human traffickers. This powerful drama raises awareness about the 2 million children exploited every year in the international sex-trafficking trade. To find out where you can see it, visit angel.com/watch/sound-of-freedom, or scan the QR code to the right.



Catholic Charities Back2School Program

If you or someone you know is in need of school supplies, please fill out an application at: <https://bit.ly/453WPNw>. **Pick up events are August 8 (1-6:00 p.m.) & August 9 (7:30 a.m.-Noon) at the La Crosse Center and August 17 (5-7:30 p.m.) at the Mathy BGC.** Please choose your pickup location when filling out your application. If your family isn't in need but would like to assist those who are, please join us by donating items such as large size backpacks, heavy duty folders, washable markers, loose-leaf paper, scissors, etc. Thank you for helping students and families have a successful start to the new school year!!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

“Spiritual Armor for Everyday Life: Prayer, Humility, and Hope”

The La Crosse Guild of the CMA is sponsoring breakfast and spiritual reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 19, 2023, following the 8:30 am Mass. This event is open to all persons. Cost for buffet breakfast is \$15. Registration deadline is Monday, August 14th. To register, please send check to Charlie Peters, MD, N8536 County Road TT, Holmen, WI 54636. For questions, contact Dr. Pavela at: slpavela@gmail.com.

Chant Camp for HS Students – Aug 14-18

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites High Schoolers (ages 14-18) to a week-long, traditional chant camp course August 14-18. No experience needed. Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupeshrine.org

Calling all single Catholics! Aug 25-27

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John’s Resort, in Plymouth, MI *OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions.* This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). (If joining us in-person, use the promo code **(PARISH23)** when you register to get \$50 off! *Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.*) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can’t find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima Parish Visitation Schedule - Aug 26

The Statue of Fatima will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 26th from 10:25 AM-4:30 PM along with 2nd Class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto. See the flyer in back of church for other parish dates throughout the Diocese.

Amara Rose Foundation - located in Westby

Honoring lives lost to addiction by raising awareness, educating, promoting prevention and **helping those struggling with addiction.** Drug use and overdose deaths are at an unprecedented level...This is a fight we cannot afford to lose, and it will take as many of us as possible to combat the epidemic. While abusing any type of drug or alcohol can cost a life, fentanyl is the biggest killer in our country right now. A lot of our focus will be on combating the fentanyl epidemic. One life lost is too many. Visit: www.amararosefoundation.org or email info@amararosefoundation.org If you or someone you know need needs immediate help, dial 988 to reach a trained crisis worker. Substance Abuse Hotline: 1-800-662 HELP or online chat at 988lifeline.org












UNSCRIPTED

It’s a new web series where we simply talk with people from around the Diocese of La Crosse about faith, vocation, life, family, and whatever else comes up in conversation. **Episode 5: Fr. Sam Martin - A Conversation About Everything.** “UNSCRIPTED” Link: visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5WK4j3QxGU>



Activity Corner

Feast of the Transfiguration August 6th, 2023

 took Peter, James and John up a 
Suddenly His  became dazzling white, like the
 .  began to speak with Moses and Elijah,
who appeared beside Him.  were terrified.
Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we
build  : one for You, one for Moses and
one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a
voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.
Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.
Coming down the  , He told  not to tell
anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

*Use the pictures to help read the story
from today's Gospel reading!*

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those who are working tirelessly to help the ill recover.
- The military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- Our political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens.
- 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.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-452-3841 or email stmaryscv@mwt.net