

PASTOR

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Office Hours in Coon Valley Sacristy:

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..... Stations of the Cross..... 5:15 pm

Mass.....5:45 pm

Thursday.....8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sunday.....7:15am to 7:45am

PARISH OFFICE

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Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon

E-mail: stmaryscv@mwt.net

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)

ORGANISTS

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 - 6:30 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

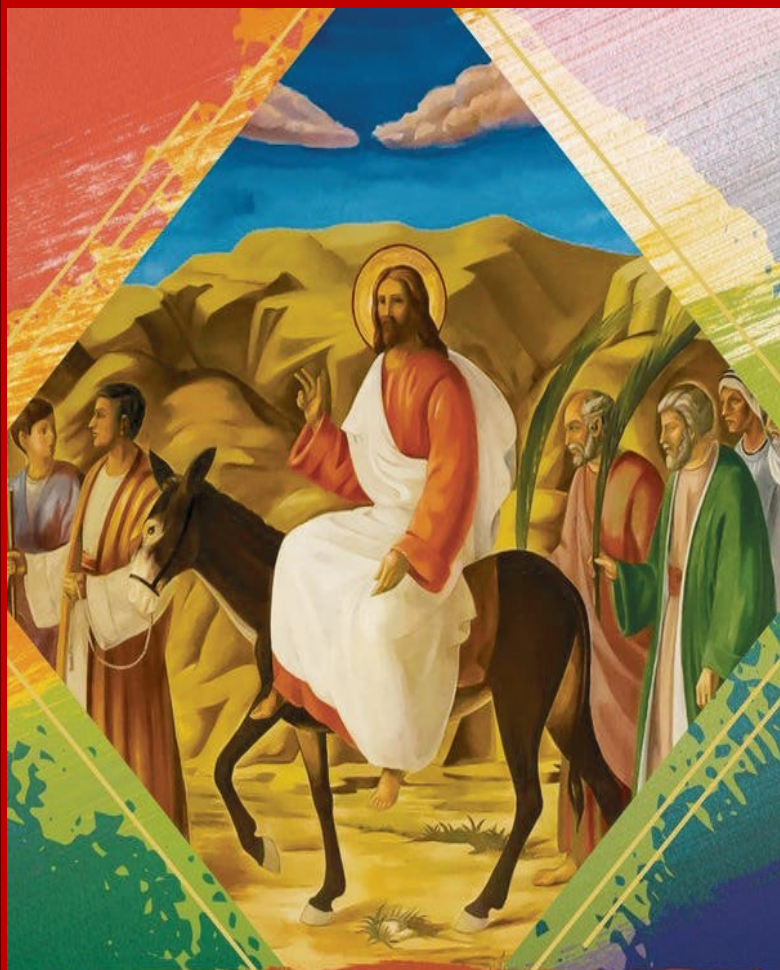
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Fr. Joe Richards
Pastor

April 2, 2023

Readings: 517-522A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday Readings

April 02, 2023

Procession with the Palms: 1) Matthew 21:1-11
Mass Readings: 1) Isaiah 50:4-7; 2) Philippians 2:6-11
3) Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Intentions

Apr 01 ~ 4:00 PM - † Edwin and Anna Sedevie
Apr 02 ~ 8:00 AM - † Ed Gorman
Apr 04 ~ 5:45 PM - † Lucile Kumm
Apr 06 ~ 8:00 AM - NO MASS here—In Viroqua at 5:15 PM
Apr 07 ~ 12:10 PM - Good Friday
Apr 08 ~ 4:00 PM - NO MASS here—In Viroqua at 8:15 PM
Apr 09 ~ 8:00 AM - † Mary Joan Meyer and Storey Meyer

Mass Intentions

If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.
Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Jun 4 & 25. Jul 2, 16, 29 & 30. Aug 6, 13, & 20.
Weekdays open: Jun 6, 15 & 22. Aug 1, 29, & 31. If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.



Next Week in Service — Apr 8/9

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

Readers:	Sat. — NO Mass	Sun. — Marlene Humfeld
Ushers:	Sat. — Volunteers	Sun. — Volunteers
Money Counters:	Loree Nickelotti and Rodney and Kathy Berg	

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

- **March 25 ~ Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner** serving 4-7 PM
- **March 28~ 5:15PM, Stations of the Cross**, Mass follows
- **April 1 ~ Confirmation Retreat**
- **April 2 ~ Religious Education Class** after 8 AM Mass
- **April 4 ~ Chrism Mass** 10:30 AM at the Cathedral ~ 5:15PM, *Stations of the Cross*, Mass follows
- **April 6 ~ Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper
~ 5:15 PM in Viroqua
- **April 7 ~ Good Friday, the Lord's Passion**
~12:10 PM in Coon Valley
~ 3:00 PM in Viroqua
- **April 8 ~ Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil** – 8:15 PM (Dusk) in Viroqua
- **April 9 ~ Easter Sunday**, standard Sunday schedule
- **April 11 ~ Fr. Joe's Birthday** 🎂 🎉
- **April 17-21 ~ Amy on Mission Trip**, for Admin needs contact Fr. Joe
- **April 24-28 ~ Fr. Joe on priest retreat**
- **April 29 ~ PCCW Spring Luncheon**



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

Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, April 4 at 5:15 PM
followed by Mass



CONFESSIONS

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



Fr. Joe's Office Hours:

Tues. from 1:00-6:30 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.**

Giving Last Week		Week 13	3/26/2023
Adult Env.(33)	\$1,485.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$152.00	Received This Week	\$1,637.00
Total	\$1,637.00	Running total needed	\$26,000.00
Easter Flower(14)	\$425.00	YTD Received	\$23,387.00
Memorial Day(1)	\$20.00	Difference	(2,613.00)

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

I want to take a minute to express my gratitude for last weekend's installation Mass. Everything about Saturday went just as I had hoped, from timing it on a big Marian feast day to having so many folks in the pews to actually getting all the celebrants to go where they're told (for real, getting a bunch of professional liturgists to do what you want is like herding cats). One image that's particularly etched in my memory is seeing both of the communities I've been separately falling in love with coming together with each other for one shared event. After my ongoing work to get to know you apart from each other, I was just so happy for all of us to spend that time with each other. My special thanks goes out to the PCCWs of both parishes, who coordinated and spent most of Friday and Saturday together to fully feed everyone after the Mass. In case twice isn't sufficient, I'll say it one more time – thank you.

Now take a deep breath, because I want to acknowledge a hard reality – in fact, one of the reasons there are two parishes with Fr. Joe Richards for a Pastor instead of one. Before that though, a history professor in seminary gave us an important line for historical “hot topics,” that is, historical moments where we want to ascribe a “good” or “bad” judgment. His line: *“it's not that it was a good thing or a bad thing, it was just a thing.”* Right, back to that hard reality: the Church today is not in the same place she was in fifty years ago. That's not a good thing or a bad thing, it's just a thing. We don't have the same number of priests we've had in recent history, and we have many more than we had in only slightly-more-distant history. Christianity is no longer off-limits to social criticism, and in fact it is quite popular to criticize (judge) Christianity like a book by its cover. The various hurts caused by some (definitely not all) folks that tangibly represent the Church have justifiably popularized the current theme “church-inflicted trauma.” In summary, we are in a working age of the Church. There is serious healing work to do, and it is up to us either to let the Holy Spirit work through us or to ride out what momentum we have left until it runs dry.

“This saying is hard, Fr. Joe” you might be saying to yourself. But there's a reason I bring up such a heavy reality in the same breath as my gratitude for last weekend. Perhaps the biggest reason I was grateful last weekend was the way we *prayed* together. By now you have a good sense of how important I find the Mass as the beating heart of everything we do, and our growth or diminishment is integrally tied to our commitment to that prayer. I hope that I've effectively communicated how much our parishes need to cooperate with and contribute to each other if either of us is going to grow and thrive in any way past the next few years. Last week's Installation Mass and this coming week's Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses are excellent and hope-filled signs of your willingness to work and pray together. As your shared Pastor, I hope you know how much I appreciate your docility to follow where the Holy Spirit leads us. I am zealously looking forward to our future. Let's become saints together.

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements

Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make the dinner a success. The Men's club took in \$1,509.00 in ticket sales, \$116.00 from beer and wine sales, \$35 in tips and \$50 in sale of leftover product. \$350.00 was also donated towards expenses. A full report will be forthcoming when all expense have been paid. Also, thanks to the parishioners and the community for supporting and attending this event.

Easter Flower Donations

Donations will be accepted through this weekend. A complete listing will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Thank you for your support.



Catechism Study Group

Will meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (there are a few exceptions) after the 8:00 AM mass for eight sessions. The **next meeting will be April 13**, with the following dates being April 27, May 11 & 25, June 8, 22 & 29. If you would like to join this group, contact Clarice Kammel.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls and Lenten Mite Boxes

Please return bowls and boxes this coming week by dropping them in the collection basket.

Chrism Mass, Apr 4

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. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Thank You

The food pantry at Bethel Butikk would like to thank you for your Jan/Feb collection of \$345. You have helped us keep our shelves stocked so we can keep helping the less fortunate in our area. With much appreciation and grateful hearts,

The Bethel Butikk Food Pantry

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Passion Play—Sacred Heart School Cashton - Apr 2

The students of Sacred Heart School will be performing a Passion Play this Sunday at 7 PM and is open to the public. This is a terrific way to support the youth and get into the mindset for Holy Week.

”The Passion of the Christ” movie

To be shown at the following times and locations:

April 3rd 6-8:00 pm —Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse

April 4th 9-11:00 am—St. Pat's Catholic Church, Onalaska

April 4th 6:30-8:30 pm—Mary Mother of the Church, La Crosse

Good Friday Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross - Apr 7

The Franciscan Spirituality Center invites the public to join in its 14th annual Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, 2023. The walk is about two hours. People of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St. Stops include: St. Rose Convent, St. Clare Health Mission, Coulee Recovery Center, Lincoln Middle School, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cameron Park, Franciscan Hospitality House, Salvation Army, La Crosse County Jail and Riverside Park.

Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

Meatball and Lefse Dinner - Apr 15

Lower CV Lutheran Church is hosting their 13th Annual Dinner on Saturday, April 15 from 4-7 PM. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-11, free to 5 and under. Menu: Meatballs and gravy, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, various desserts, coffee and milk. Carry outs available, bake sale on site. Located at S1801 N Stoddard Rs, Stoddard, between Stoddard and Chaseburg off Hwy 162).

Divine Mercy Sunday - Apr 16

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the early 1930s. He told her that he would make her a missionary of His Divine Mercy to the world. As part of that mission, He gave her the prayers for the Divine Mercy Novena (a nine-day prayer that begins on Good Friday of each year and ends on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)). What makes this novena unique is that Jesus Himself composed it and each day a prayer can be offered for one specific group of souls such as children, priests and religious, lukewarm souls, fallen-away Catholics, and so on. Pray the Divine Mercy Novena (starting on Good Friday) in preparation for this feast. For more information on Divine Mercy, go to thedinemercy.org.

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16. **The schedule** for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 AM Latin Mass
- 11:00 AM Spanish Mass
- 1:00 PM English Mass
- 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15 PM Benediction
- 3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina



Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059. *"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* – Diary of St. Faustina #699

Chicken Que & Bake Sale - Sun., Apr. 16 11 AM - gone.

Tippy Toe Inn, Chaseburg. \$12, eat in or drive thru, includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw & bread. Proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

MMOC Rummage Sale - Apr 21

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

St. Charles School Spring Carnival - Apr 23

Fun for the whole family! Please join the St. Charles School for games, raffle, a dessert walk, food and beverages. on April 23rd 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Call (608)689-2642 for more information



Activity Corner

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

April 2nd, 2023

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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.



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

Fr. Joe Installation Mass - March 25, 2023



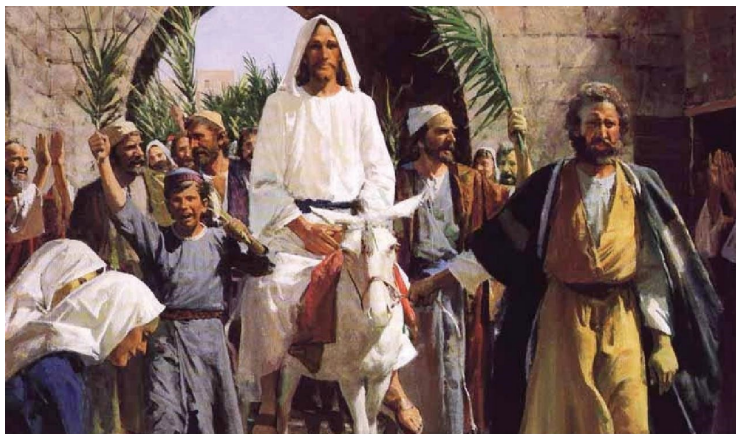
Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity





Men's Club Spaghetti Supper March 25, 2023





Entering into the Holiest Week of the Year

Holy Week Schedule

No 8AM Mass on Thurs.

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The sacred liturgies observed during this week remember and make present again the passing of Jesus from death to new life—what is called the Paschal Mystery. You will want to go through the entire week with Christ, dying to selfishness and sin in order to rise to new life along with Him.

Regular weekend schedule

Palm Sunday

Time: 4PM Sat. and 8AM Sun.

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week, which commences with the blessing of palms and the reading of the Gospel somewhere outside the nave. A procession into church, with people holding blessed palm branches and singing festive songs follows, in imitation of the triumphant entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem. Immediately afterwards, the theme of triumph changes radically with the reading of the Passion narrative, devoted to the suffering of Christ, which He endured for love of you.

Preparation Days

Time: Tues. 5:15PM Stations & Mass

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparation days, both spiritually and physically, for the holiest days to come later in the week. It is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday of Holy Week is known as Spy Wednesday. This gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy.

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Holy Thursday

Time: In Viroqua Only 5:15PM Mass

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum – which means three days. On this first day the Church commemorates the events surrounding the Last Supper and the institution by Christ of the Holy Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus was with His Apostles celebrating the Passover, the annual memorial of the mystery of the Jews' escape from Egypt, and the "passing over" of the angel of death. The Passover was an exodus, or passage, from the oppression of slavery to spiritual freedom. On this night before His crucifixion, Jesus commanded that this Passover be celebrated in a new way as an unbloody anticipation of His sacrificial and saving death that would take place the next day on the cross. This was (is) the new Passover of the Lord in which we are freed from slavery to sin and death through our cooperation with His divine life of grace received in Holy Communion.

A solemn ritual of washing of feet takes place in imitation of Jesus who humbly served His Apostles by washing their feet. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.... By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34, 35)

At the end of Mass, consecrated Hosts—the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—are carried in procession to the side chapel of adoration. These Hosts will be received the next day in Holy Communion. After placing the Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle, an atmosphere of quiet watching with the Lord begins. This commemorates how Jesus went with His Apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane, and asking them (and you) to watch and pray with Him. Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will it." (Matthew 26:39) "And being in agony He

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DIocese of LA CROSSE, WI

ST. MARY PARISH, COON VALLEY

Holy Week Schedule



prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.” (Luke 22:44) Remain with Jesus in His agony over what He knew He would endure for the sins of the world.

Good Friday Time: 12:10PM here, 3PM in Viroqua

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is the Passion of the Lord, known as Good Friday, the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. The theme of this day throughout history has been one of quiet sorrow and mourning for the crucified and dead Jesus. Consider spending the hours of 12- 3 p.m. in quiet prayer, giving up even a drink of water, as this was the time that Jesus hung on the cross and died at 3 p.m.

The emphasis of the liturgy on this solemn day is on Scripture readings and prayers, the veneration of the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday.

NO 4PM Mass in Coon Valley

Holy Saturday Time: In Viroqua Only 8:15PM Mass

The daytime hours of Holy Saturday continue the atmosphere of Good Friday, and have been observed as a time of quiet and fasting. The Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday is the night of all nights and the primary celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil has four clearly-defined parts: the service of light, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

The service of light begins with a darkened church. The priest lights the Paschal candle, the symbol of Christ's Resurrection. The Paschal candle is used to light small candles held by those in the congregation as all process into the church to the chant of "light of Christ."

The Exsultet is sung which recounts the saving action of Christ, and it is followed by the readings of the Mass, several from the Old Testament, interspersed with responsorial Psalms and prayers. The Liturgy of the Word consists of as many as seven Old Testament readings that recapitulate God's saving action throughout history. The Gloria is then sung with the maximum amount of musical instruments, bells, and choir available to the parish. The Gospel is proclaimed that narrates eye witness accounts of those who encountered the risen Christ, stirring you to a deeper realization that He is alive! There are baptisms, bringing people to new life in Christ followed by confirmation, strengthening them to be bold witnesses for their faith in God. You will renew your own baptismal promises to live more fully as a committed disciple of Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated with the greatest of joy, leading to our reception of the risen Christ in Holy Communion. This is a day to rejoice that the establishment of the Church and the celebration of the Sacraments are all made possible through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Regular Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunday Time: 8AM here, 10:30AM Viroqua

The theme of Easter morning continues the triumphant joy of the Easter Vigil. It remembers and celebrates the very foundation of Christianity: Jesus who is Lord is raised from the dead. You will want to share in this incredible joy by participating, as much as possible, in the holiest Week of the year.

