

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.....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.

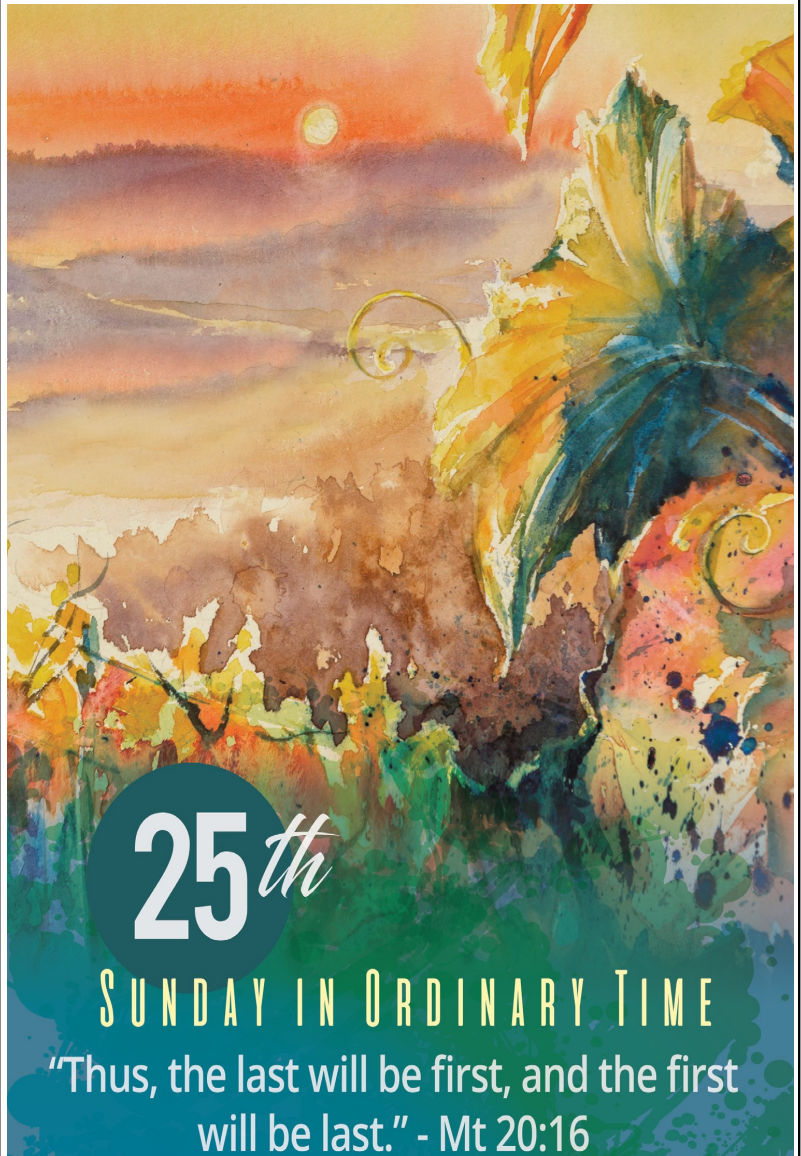
St. Mary's Parish

900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623

Phone: 608-452-3841

Website: stmarycv.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley



25th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:16

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

September 24, 2023

Readings: 650A

St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Readings

September 24, 2023

1) *Isaiah 55:6-9*; 2) *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a*;
3) *Matthew 20:1-16a*

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Sept 26** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:00 PM to 8:35 PM
- **Sept 27** ~ Photo Shoot for Directory 2:00 PM to 8:35 PM
- **Oct 01** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.
- **Oct 08** ~ Last option for mandatory RE Safe Environment training (date 3 of 3) after the 10:30 AM Mass in Viroqua.
- **Oct 09** ~ Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
- **Oct 15** ~ Our **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** from 7:30 AM—Noon
- **Oct 15** ~ RE monthly activity after the 8 AM Mass in Coon Valley
- **Oct 19** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 23** ~ PCCW Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Nov 05** ~ RE in Viroqua after the 10:30 AM Mass for both Coon Valley and Viroqua students.

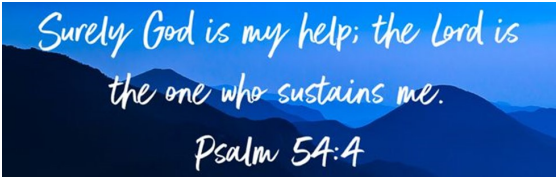
Intentions
Sep 23 ~ 4:00 PM - † Jean Gilkes-Lange
Sep 24 ~ 8:00 AM - † Arlene Seichter
Sep 26 ~ 5:15 PM - † Stanley and Francis Kerkosa
Sep 28 ~ 8:00 AM - † Bob Dickman
Sep 30 ~ 4:00 PM - † Larry and Myrtle Geier
Oct 01 ~ 8:00 AM - † Norbert and Arlene Seichter

MASS Intentions

All 2023 Mass Intention Dates are FULL!

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at stmaryscv@mwt.net or leave a message at 608-452-3841.

2024 Intentions now available! Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office.



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.

Next Week in Service — Sept 30/Oct 01


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

Readers:	Sat. – Jeana LeJeune Sun. – Ryan Goodwin
Ushers:	Sat. – Volunteers Sun. – Volunteers
Money Counters:	Mike Kammel and Mark Boland




Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00
As of September 8, 2023
Pledges received (28): \$97,720.00
Payments received: \$25,235.00
Under Goal (\$7,280.00)




CONFESSIONS

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



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

- 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).



Needed this Month	
\$8,000.00	at \$2000 per week
\$9,674.36	Received as of week 3
\$1,674.36	Over for the Month

Giving Last Week		Week 38	9/17/2023
Adult Env(27)	\$5,920.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	153.00	Received This Week	\$6,405.75
Rel Education	75.00	<u>Running total needed</u>	\$76,000.00
PC Breakfast(10)	205.00	YTD Received	\$68,513.37
Votives	52.75	Difference	(7,486.63)
Total	\$6,405.75		
		Food Pantry	\$115.45

From the Pastor



Hello friends,

Last weekend I shared a process to forgive when forgiving is hard. As my friend C.S. Lewis says, “Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.” In case you want or need to go deeper in forgiveness (the ten minutes I gave it just scratches the surface), allow me to put this process in writing. I’d recommend you arrange the environment for this exercise and remember it’s a process that sometimes needs 77 repetitions – get a good cup of coffee and sit out on the deck, come to the church, do whatever you have to do to set time aside the time and space to go deep.

First, let’s remind ourselves why we’re talking about this: when Peter asks Jesus, “when my brother sins against me, how many times must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus responds to him, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” With that in mind, the process:

1. Acknowledge the thing needing forgiving. Rather than dismissing or exaggerating a real hurt, take a real accounting of the damage that’s been done and the real cost of forgiveness. This is not meant to besmirch the person or institution you need to forgive, but rather to shine a light on something that might seem more comfortably hidden in the dark.
2. Let go of and reject resentment. This is an effort of your will. It doesn’t mean you are forgetting the reality of what’s happened or even that you are yet to the point of reconciling and healing the relationship, but that you’re choosing not to feed and nurse the anger or bitterness. As 25 different original authors once said, “resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for it to kill the other person.” Don’t drink the poison.
3. Make an act of forgiveness in Jesus’ name: “In Jesus’ name, I forgive _____ for _____.” Whereas step 2 is very will-driven, step 3 makes this a very spiritual process, trusting the work to Someone who can do the work you can’t do yourself. Just like the resentment step, this is one of those where the distance between head and heart can be quite significant. The 77 times comes in in a big way here – you might not feel it the first or second or third time, but that doesn’t mean there isn’t real work happening. Besides that, if you don’t forgive the third time, you’ll never get to the fourth time or the seventy-seventh time.

I’ll share one final resource for your continued reflection: Fr. Mike Schmitz’ homily from last weekend. Look it up on Youtube with the search “Fr. Mike Schmitz As we forgive” or find his homilies on your podcast platform of choice under “Sunday homilies with Fr. Mike Schmitz.” I listened to his homily on the way to golf with some priests last Monday, and all I could think was “well dang. That’s a good homily.”

God bless you, and keep doing the work! ~Fr. Joe

Parish Announcements



Our Annual Pancake Breakfast October 15 from 7:30 AM—NOON

The breakfast will be here before you know it!

Donation Envelopes: The council would like to continue with the collection envelopes instead of a raffle again this year, requested donation is \$20. An envelope for each registered family in the back of church. Part of this year’s collection will go towards the purchase of new chairs for the church hall. Please pick up yours today. You may return in by mail or drop in the collection basket.

Flyers: Flyers were included in last weekends bulletin. Extra in the back of church, please help spread the word by posting in the community or at your place of business.

Sign-up to help: The sign up sheet will be coming soon. Please prayerfully consider how you might volunteer for this event.

Bake Sale: The PCCW will again host their amazing bake sale during the event. So break out those favorite fall recipes and bring your best goods when called upon!

Lets all work together to make it another successful parish event!

High Chairs and Booster Seats Needed

If anyone has a used high chair or booster seat they no longer use and would like to donate it to the church we would be very grateful. Feel free to bring them to the basement before or after mass.

Volunteer Opportunity

The PCCW could really use some volunteers to help clean the church basement. The goal is to have several groups of ladies so each group only needs to clean two or three times a year. If interested leave a message at the church or contact Clarice Kammel.

Rosary Before Mass in October

The rosary will be said before the weekend mass during the month of October. Please come to church a little earlier than normal and join all in. Rosary will begin about 20 minutes before Mass.



It’s not too late to sign up for the September 26 or 27th photo opportunity!

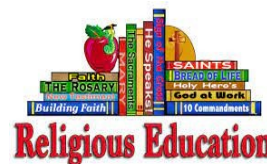
If you need to change your appointment day or time please contact Clarice Kammel.

All those who have their pictures taken will receive a free 8X10 photo and a free directory. This does not cost you anything unless you decide to purchase more pictures. Just sign into the website www.ucdir.com and use church code **wi259** and password **photos**.



Religious Education has started!

If you have questions about the program please contact our coordinator—Bridget Goodwin at: bladams50@gmail.com or visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/religious-education



Diocesan/Local Announcements

GRACE Community Bags Program – Donation Items Needed

In the beginning of the year, Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support Program saw a need in our communities. Several women and families were reaching out for services for items like diapers, wipes, and resources. Since starting the program in April, we have distributed bags to 300 families in need. With our GRACE Community Bags being dispersed from our Eau Claire and La Crosse offices, and the success of our outreach, we are in need of items to continue supporting families, specifically diapers (open and partially used packs are ok) and wipes. Drop off at Catholic Charities, 3710 East Ave South, La Crosse, WI. Questions, please contact Meghan Brennan at mbrennan@cclse.org or call 608-782-0710.

Hear the stories of our Young Catholics | Fortify the Faith Benefit Dinner

Join us Sunday, October 8th at the Waterfront for Roncalli Newman's first ever campus ministry and FOCUS banquet and silent auction. Our hope is to share the good news of what the Lord is doing in the lives of our young Catholics in La Crosse. Proceeds will go to funding scholarships for the SEEK conference and other ministry needs. See roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/fortify to register and for more info. Deadline to sign up is September 27th. Please email Adele Gligorevic with any questions - media@newmanlc.org. Hope to see you there!

Chili and Chicken Soup Supper and Raffle - Sept 27

CV Lutheran Church is hosting soup supper Wed., Sept. 27 from 4-7 PM. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12, children 5 and under free. All are welcome!

Participate in Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 1

The annual Life Chain in La Crosse will take place from 2:00-3:00 PM along Losey Blvd. from La Crosse St. to Ferry St., with signs available at each of the intersections. Participants stand silently and prayerfully on the public sidewalks on both sides of the street, holding signs witnessing to the sanctity of human life.

Sauerkraut Supper - Oct 11

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Middle Ridge will again hold their annual Sauerkraut Supper this year as a dine in or carry out on Wednesday, October 11th from 4 to 8 PM or until sold out. Cost of dinner is \$15 for church-made kraut & pork ribs, polish sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, and homemade pie. Raw Kraut for sale at \$5 for 2.5 lbs. There will be a beverage tent, bake sale and raffles throughout the dinner.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

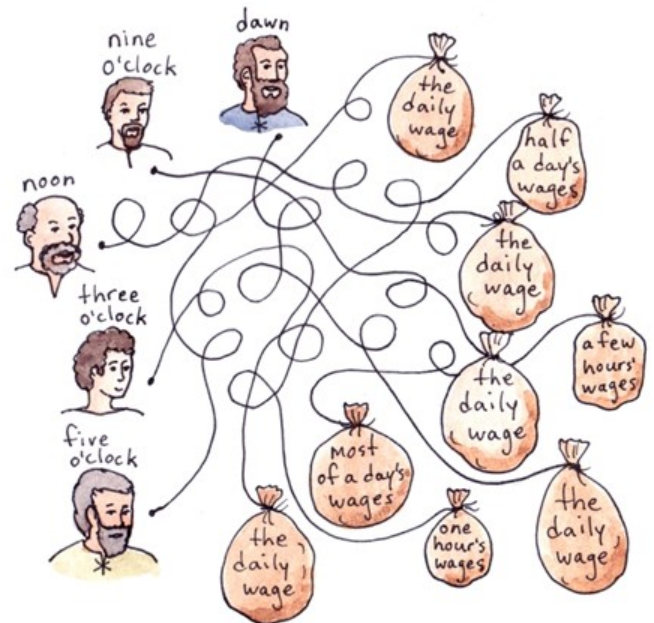
The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI
Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a catholic man. For registration and info visit www.menofthecross.org

Organ Recital - Oct 15

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, invites you to come to the Shrine this October 15 at 3 PM for an exceptional organ recital by John Turkington. Free admission—all welcome. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events !

Activity Corner

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24th, 2023



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

At the end of the day,

how much did each man get paid?

Follow the wiggly lines to see!



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

Pancake Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee!

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th • 7:30 AM—NOON

\$10.00
PER ADULT
\$5.00
KIDS 6-12

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

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