

# St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



October 12, 2025 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 661C

#### CONNECT WITH US

#### PASTOR

Rectory: 400 Congress Ave.

Viroqua, WI 54665

Cell Phone: 608-606-9787 Email: jrichards@diolclergy.org Office Hours in the Sacristy

Tuesday 1:00pm until Mass

Thursdays after Mass until noon or by

appointment

#### DEACON

Email: ashay@diolclergy.org

#### **Parish Phone**

608-452-3841

#### **Mailing Address**

904 Central Ave Coon Valley, WI 54623

#### **Email**

stmaryscv@mwt.net

#### Website

www.stmaryscv.org

#### Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

#### **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



#### **Administrative Assistant**

Amy Stafslien 608-452-3841 stmaryscv@mwt.net

## Coordinator of Religious Education

Bridget Goodwin bladams50@gmail.com

#### **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

## St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### October 12, 2025

1) 2 Kings 5:14-17 2) 2 Timothy 2:8-13 3) Luke 17:11-19

#### Intentions / Schedule

#### SATURDAY, October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Mass - † Eric "Rick" Logemann
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

#### SUNDAY, October 12

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00am Mass - Hernandez Torres Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Lector: Ryan Goodwin

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

#### TUESDAY, October 14

St. Callistus I

- ~ 4:30pm Adoration
- ~ 5:15pm Mass ~ † Art and Evelyn Gajewski

#### THURSDAY, October 16

St. Hedwig and St Margaret Mary Alacoque

~ 8:00am Mass ~ † Fr. Lyle Schulte

#### SATURDAY, October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 4:00pm Mass ~ † The Roskos and Roningen Families (living and deceased)

Altar Servers: Volunteers
Lector: Robert Kerska

Ushers: Volunteers

#### SUNDAY, October 19

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:00am Mass - For the People

Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti, Rodney and Kathy Berg

# مراحدة والمحادث



#### 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!

#### 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

- Oct 11/12 ~ Mission Coop Weekend, welcome Monsignor Joe Hirsch in support to Casa Hogar, Peru
- Oct 12 ~ Our *Annual Pancake Breakfast* 7:30 AM until food is gone or noon (whichever comes first)
- Oct 15 ~ Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua, Annual Fall Dinner 4-7 PM
- Oct 16 ~ Coffee and Fellowship after 8 AM Mass
- Oct 18/19 ~ World Mission Sunday
- Oct 19 ~ Rel Ed (FoF) Activity after 8 AM Mass
   Parish Social hosted by St. Cecelia Guild
- Oct 25/26 ~ Diocesan Annual Appeal Weekend
- 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 ~ Greif Share, Surviving the Holidays in Viroqua from 5-7 PM
  - ~ PCCW meeting at 5:30 PM



- Nov 14 ~ Movie Night starting at 6 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



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

Open Weekdays: Oct 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 <a href="mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net">stmaryscv@mwt.net</a> or voice message 608-452-3841.



Needed this Month		
\$8,000.00	0.00 at \$2000 per week	
\$2,832.00	Received as of week 1	
(\$5,168.00)	Difference for the Month	

Giving Last	Week		10/5/2025
Adult Env (38)	\$1,955.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	262.00	Received This Week	\$2,832.00
Pancke Bkft(11)	330.00	Running total needed	\$80,000.00
Rel. Ed. Reg.	<u>285.00</u>	YTD Received	\$77,565.07
Total	\$2,832.00	Difference	(2,434.93)

#### From the Pastor

Hello friends,

First off, a big thank you to Msgr. Hirsch and all of our people who are pitching in to make a weekend without the Pastor happen. For my part, I'm down in Rolla, Missouri (a town I had never heard of until I heard of it) for the baptism of a brand new godchild, Miriam Sophia – pray for her and her family as she enters the Lord's Church. For your part, allow me to introduce Msgr. Hirsch. Back when he was "Fr." Hirsch (which he still is) in the 2000's, Fr. Hirsch shook my hand and said (paraphrased) "welcome to our seminary program, Joe." I entered for a year and a half then left toward the end of his time as vocation director, only to return later with a "gotcha." Anyhow, I'm grateful to have Msgr. Hirsch as a brother priest and to have him here with all of you this weekend. Our Diocese has run Casa Hogar as a primary mission for some decades now, and I am curious to hear your impressions of what he has to share and of the work we're doing with the good folks of Peru.

Second, I'd like to share something I've been reading this past week. Last weekend, dear college friend and coworker in the (Winona-Rochester) vineyard Brian spent a few days at the rectory with me making a retreat. He's a Third Order Franciscan, and he selected St. Francis' feast day to take a moment of withdrawal into the wilderness with the Lord. Brian has always been a font of wisdom for me – a deeply reflective, earnest, and spiritually profound brother. As we sat up on the deck after Saturday's Masses, we got talking shop about our current Diocesan pastoral planning. He has since shared with me a challenging article, titled "What is a Parish?" by an unknown-to-me Matthew Walther – a google search for "The Lamp What is a Parish" will pull it right up. Mr. Walther is addressing a very important question for us to grapple with – not to re -write church structures but to understand the nature of the most regularly-accessed and readily-familiar institution to most Catholics, the parish. This isn't very light reading (nor is it a medical textbook), but if you're looking for a thought-stirrer I'll at least say it's stirring my thoughts. It's considering questions about a parish's purpose, structure, and ultimately the needs of our imminent future and immediate present.

I am very grateful to all of you for following along on this current ride and into this current season in the Church. Viroqua's own listening session is a good example of our curiosity – we had some 80-90 folks settle into Marian Hall for that session, and I've witnessed that same curiosity at several other sessions since then. If you haven't had a chance to get to one and hope to, I have good news – La Crosse's sessions are coming up over this next week: October 16 at 6:30 at Blessed Sacrament, October 19 at 1:00 at Mary Mother of the Church, and October 21 at 6:30. These sessions are an excellent opportunity to enter into the big conversations going on around the Diocese.

God bless you all, Fr. Joe

#### Mission Coop - Casa Hogar, Peru





Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Peru!

It is a joy to be with you this weekend to share the mission of *Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II*, located just outside Lima, Peru. Casa Hogar is a direct mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, founded by our own Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, and supported by the generous hearts of people throughout our Diocese and beyond.

Casa Hogar offers more than shelter. We offer children a home where they are known, loved, and protected—a place where they are surrounded by faith, nurtured through strong family life, and guided by values that prepare them to flourish. Many of our children come from situations marked by instability, abandonment, or trauma. At Casa, they find a new beginning.

I'm deeply grateful to your parish community for welcoming me and for opening your hearts to this mission. Your prayers and support help continue Father Walijewski's legacy of love, compassion, and unwavering faith in action.

After Mass, I invite you to stop by and view photos, stories, and handmade gifts from the children. If you're unable to visit in person, please explore more at www.frjoesguild.org, or reach out to Noel Furger at (608) 791-2677 or info@frjoesguild.org.

Thank you for being part of this life-giving mission.

Warmly in Christ,

#### Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Executive Director, Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II

#### **Parish Announcements**

#### Our Annual Pancake Breakfast

THIS SUNDAY October 12, 2025



Join us Sunday from 7:30 AM until gone or noon.

**Bake Sale** – drop off after Sat. Mass or before Mass on Sunday and purchase that special treat.

*Volunteer* - even if you didn't sign up, many hands make light work. Feel free to jump in and help out.

**Donate** - Don't forget to drop you contribution envelope in the collection or mail it back to the church.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

#### Parish Announcements continued

#### Grief Share, Surviving the Holidays

Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the holiday season. What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, (no matter how long they have been gone)! *Surviving the Holidays* provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. Please join us for this special 2-hour event.

Date: Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Place: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

400 Congress Avenue Viroqua, WI 54665

To register: Call 608-637-7711 or email the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish at stmaryparish@mwt.net or go to griefshare.org/holidays and click on "Find an Event."

#### **Religious Education Registration -**

If you missed registration and would like to participate in a program please visit our website at: <a href="www.stmarycv.org/religious-education">www.stmarycv.org/religious-education</a> and/or contact Pat Obernberger at <a href="mailto:stmaryformation@mwt.net">stmaryformation@mwt.net</a>

#### **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.



#### Diocesan/Community Announcements

#### **Listening Sessions**

This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures or visit: www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch. Next local session is October 16 at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse at 6:30 pm

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive - Oct 13

Monday, October 13 at the Coon Valley Lutheran Church from 1 -6 PM. Come give blood for a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email, see rcblood.org/fall. To schedule a time to give, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter cyalley

#### Annual Fall Dinner - Oct 15 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI 54665. October 15, 2025 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Dine-in Marian Hall, upper-level entrance. Adults: \$15. Youth (5-10): \$10. Carry-outs available (600 maximum) \$15, lower parking lot. On the menu: roast turkey, all the fixings, homemade pie

#### 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: <a href="QueenoftheAmericasGuild.org">QueenoftheAmericasGuild.org</a>.

Fall Assembly - Nov 8

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The Way of the Cross—Richland Center Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Sat., Nov 8 at noon, St. Mary of Nativity Parish, 32605 Durst Lane, Keyesville, WI. Join your sisters in Christ with fellowship of a potluck and presentation by Patrick and

#### Parish Announcements continued

Stephanie Schwingle. For more info contact Candace McGarth (LDCCW Pres) candace.ldccw@gmail.com or call 608-647-0400

#### 59th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR - Nov 8

WHEN: Saturday, November 8, 2025, 8am-2pm. WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James church. WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10am-Noon. NEW! Kid's Games to win prizes from 9am-1pm. Homemade Beef Stew, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

#### **Activity Corner**

#### True or False? Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

- 1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
- 2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
- 3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
- 4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
- 5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
- 6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
- 7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?

Answers: 1.7, 2.F, 3.T, 4.F, 5.F, 6.T, 7.T

**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 <a href="mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net">stmaryscv@mwt.net</a> **AND** <a href="mailto:jrichards@diolclergy.org">jrichards@diolclergy.org</a> You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form at: <a href="mailto:www.stmarycv.org/sacraments">www.stmarycv.org/sacraments</a>.

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. <a href="https://www.stmaryev.org/sacraments">www.stmaryev.org/sacraments</a>

**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.

# Pancaker 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

\$10.00

**PER ADULT** 

\$5.00

KIDS 6-12

ALL YOU
CAN EAT!

(or until gone, whichever comes first)

St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave Coon Valley

## Our famous pancake topping bar includes:

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

