

St. Mary's Parish

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The First Sunday of Lent - March 01, 2020

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:15 AM

Weekday Mass:

Tues. - 6:00 PM; Wed. and Fri. - 8:00 AM

(if Westby school is closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to weather, Mass is cancelled)

Local Parishes—Mass Times

Annunciation of the BVM, Viroqua

Sat. - 5:15 PM, Sun. - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

St. Joseph, St. Joseph Ridge

Sat. - 4:00 PM, Sun. - 8:30 AM

St. Peter, Middle Ridge

Sat. - 8:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM

Holy Day Mass: Please check the bulletin for times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass on Saturday; other times as announced or by appointment, request appointment by calling Fr. Matt or via our website under the Sacraments tab.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office for registration and information.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please submit a Baptism registration by mail, or e-mail to both stmaryscv@mwt.net AND fmattmarshall@gmail.com. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date. The registration form can be found here: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office when someone you know is in need of either the sacrament or a pastoral visit, or call Fr. Matt. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab.

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the back of church and at the side door.

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 Mass intercessions.

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The First Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

- 1) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- 2) Romans 5:12-19
or 5:12, 17-19
- 3) Matthew 4:1-11

FOCUS: The season of Lent calls us to humility, to an honest understanding of who we are.

Humility is not false modesty, but the awareness of who we are: Sons and daughters of God, created by God. Yet we, like Adam and Eve, are often tempted to think of ourselves as more than creatures, as in control of the world. May God give us the grace to allow him to be God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the woman and her husband eat fruit from the tree of life, and realize they are naked. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul reassures us that God's grace surpasses any of our sins. In the Gospel, the devil tempts Jesus while he is in the desert, but Jesus says to him, *Get away, Satan!* and the devil leaves him.



Giving Last Week		Week 08	2/23/2020
Adult Envelopes	\$1,409.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$135.00	Received This Week	\$4,649.00
Memorials	\$3,000.00	YTD Needed	\$15,200.00
Votive Candles	\$85.00	YTD Received	\$15,695.00
Catholic Life	\$20.00	Difference	495.00
Total	\$4,649.00	42 Env. Received	

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Mar. 3, 4, 6, 11, 20, 27, **29**, & 31. Apr. 15. May 6, **16 or 17**, 19, 20, **23, 24**, 26, & 29. Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Feb. 29 - 4:00 PM ~ Don and Roxanne Weber Family
Mar. 01 - 9:15 AM ~ †Deceased member of the Fleming and Ollendick Families
Mar. 03 - 6:00 PM ~ Safety of our military in the U.S. and around the world and their families
Mar. 04 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Mar. 06 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Mar. 07 - 4:00 PM ~ †Michael Raasch
Mar. 08 - 9:15 AM ~ †Our Parish Family

Annual Appeal 2019-2020

As of 02/26/2020	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$14,545.00	\$13,945.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Under Target	\$2,790.00	\$2,190.00
Percent Pledged: 123.73%, Percent Received: 118.63%		
Number Contributing:	37	

WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET!!! ALL DONATIONS FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH!

Thank you all who have donated! Extra cards and envelopes are located at the church doors, or you may give online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online>, under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated beyond the goal is returned to the parish untaxed by the Diocese.

Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you

	Sat., Mar 7 4:00 PM	Sun., Mar 8 9:15 AM
Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Reader (s):	Nancy Peters	Carol Roesler
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Humfeld	John Roesler
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Jim Fleming and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Laura Wiczorek and Curt Horman	
Altar Server sign up at:	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49acad2ea1fb6-server4	

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Feb 26	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 26 to Mar. 4		Fr. Matt on call at the hospitals in La Crosse.
Mar. 1	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar.4	7:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting
Mar. 3	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 6	8:00 AM	Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i>
Mar. 9	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting
Mar. 8		NO Religious Education Classes
Mar. 10	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 15	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 17	6:00 PM	NO MASS-Fr. Matt at Deanery Meeting
Mar. 19	6:30 PM	Men's Club Meeting
Mar. 22	After Mass	RE Trip to the Synagogue
Mar. 24	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mar. 28 & 29	During Mass	Anointing
Mar. 29	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Mar. 31	6:00 PM	Mass and <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Apr. 3	8:00 AM	Mass and <i>First Friday Adoration</i>
Apr. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes

Parish Announcements

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Lenten regulations are as follows:

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.

CRS Rice Bowl - Hunger in Our World

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry? Grab a Rice Bowl from the back of church and fill it with your loose change this Lent. For more information visit crsricebowl.org.

Anointing

At the end of the month the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be made available to any and all parishioners during the Saturday and Sunday Masses. The Sacrament is meant to help us feel the compassionate presence of God in our hurts physical, mental/emotional, and spiritual. All are welcome to come forward to experience the nearness of the Lord Jesus, and to ask for help in the struggles of our human lives.

Student Mite Boxes

Each student will receive a Mite Box this weekend. Parents, please encourage your student to give from their hearts. Funds raised by the children go to help other children in need through the Missionary Childhood Association. Monies collected through MCA by children and youth are directed toward building of schools, providing health and nutrition programs, and teaching and learning resources.

Synagogue Trip Rescheduled

The trip that was cancelled last weekend due to weather and has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 22, please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. If you had signed up and cannot make this date or if the new date now works and you would like to attend, please talk to Fr. Matt.

Father On-Call Schedule

Fr. Matt on-call at both Gundersen and Mayo from Wed. Feb. 26th to Wed. Mar. 4th. Please allow extra time for Fr. Matt to respond to parish concerns.

Having/Had a 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. Please contact the parish office if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during the year of 2020 to add your names to the list. Couples will be invited to celebrate with Bishop William Callahan on June 14, 2020 at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse.

Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile!

Amazon Smile is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, please choose St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Log in to: amazon.com/smile and click the word "supporting" under the search bar. You can search for St. Mary's by typing, "St. Mary Parish Coon Valley" or simply click the link on our parish website: stmarycv.org

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Prayer Services Offered

Coon Valley Lutheran is offering Lenten prayer services each Wednesday during Lent. Supper is in the church hall at 6 PM and the service begins in church at 7 PM.

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Consider applying to help with the 2020

U. S. Census.

You can apply online: 2020census.gov/jobs. Or you can call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information. Census takers are paid weekly, have flexible hours, and receive paid training too. Please consider if you might be able to assist this way in the care of our community.

Cabin Fever Fest-Euchre Tournament and Luncheon

Sunday, March 1st at St. Peters Church. Doors open at noon, cards start at 1 PM. Only \$10 per person. 1st -4th place prizes. Soups, snacks and beverages included. Questions call Melissa Schaub 608-486-4012 or email stpetersrectory@centurytel.net.

March Market (Craft/Vendor Show)

La Crosse's Blessed Sacrament Women's Club is hosting their first March Market on Saturday, March 7 from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. At the Msgr. Wagener Parish Center. For information, to register as a vendor/crafter or to volunteer, contact the parish office at 608-782-2953, visit: www.bsplacrosse.org, or contact the event representative Barb at 608-784-6974 (scwjoy@gmail.com). \$25 registration fee by February 22nd.

Death Cafe

MARCH 5 (Thursday, 5-6:15 p.m.), Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse. Facilitators: Nursing students from Viterbo University. We all know that death is an inevitable part of life, but how often do we really think about it – much less talk about it? Please join us for a meaningful and open discussion about death and dying. All are welcome.

The first “Death Cafe” was offered in the United Kingdom in 2011, and the idea has since spread throughout the globe. According to the official website (deathcafe.com), the purpose is “to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.”

Nursing students from Viterbo University will facilitate this group-directed discussion with no agenda or pre-determined objectives. It's important to note that this is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

Refreshments will be provided. There is no cost to attend this event, but freewill donations toward the cost of refreshments are appreciated. Registration is required; please call 608-791-5295 or visit www.FSCenter.org by February 28 to reserve your spot

Free Income Tax Assistance

For individual or married households making

less than \$66,000. Thursday, March 5 from Noon to 6 PM, Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, April 4 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Wester Technical College Campus, La Crosse, Business Education Center, 405 8th St. Call Customer Credit Counseling Services at 608-784-8380 to set up and appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but not guaranteed assistance. For more about tax assistance, self-filling services, and what to bring to your appointment, visit: <https://westerntc.edu/tax-assistance>.

Navigating Together: A Grief Retreat

March 21, Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Facilitator: Jean Pagliaro. Investment: \$45, includes lunch. **Registration deadline: March 7.** Grieving the death of a loved one involves many difficult challenges. Often, we feel overwhelmed with tasks and emotions. You're invited to spend a day in community with other people who are experiencing grief. Through discussion, time for reflection and creative expression opportunities, there will be space for you to express your grief and consider new paths that might be part of your healing. To register, please visit www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

Aquinas Booster Silent and Live Auction

Saturday March 28th Aquinas High School Gymnasium JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED NIGHT. Complimentary Steak, Chicken, and Pork food stations including a dessert station later in the evening. Beer and Wine all evening! 5:00 Doors Open, 5:00 Silent Auction Starts, 5:30 Food stations Open, 7:30 Live Auction Starts. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support Aquinas Booster Club, text message BLUGOLD to the number 41444. You will be sent a link to a secure online donation form.

If You Can't Make it to Turin, Come to the Shrine!

A High Quality Life-sized Reproduction of the original Shroud of Turin, which is permanently housed and maintained in Turin, Italy, will be on display at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI from April 16-19, 2020. For more information on this exhibit, or other events at the Shrine, visit guadalupeshrine.org or call 877.799.4059.

Adventure Camp

Here are the dates for Adventure Camp this summer! We hope that you will bring a group and join us. This is for youth in grades 6-12. For more details, please see our website at: <https://diolc.org/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>.

Week 1 – June 21-26, 2020

Week 2 – June 28-July 3, 2020

Week 3 – July 19-24, 2020

Televised Masses

for Shut-ins:

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La Crosse – Sunday:
9:30 AM

EWTN (cable/sat.) –
Sunday: 7 AM & 11
AM Daily: 7 AM &
6 PM

Catholic

Broadcasting:

EWTN Catholic
Cable Television
Vernon Telephone
Cable – Chan. 143
MediaCom Chan 15
– Coon Valley
Chan 74 – La Crosse
also available via
satellite

Natural Family

Planning:

Information on
natural family
planning can be
obtained by calling
715-235-6226 or
visiting the web site
at [<nfp@diolc.org>](mailto:nfp@diolc.org)

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.

- The parish accepts checks from **Bill Pay**. Set up St. Mary's Parish as a bill and mail directly to the parish office (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).