

St. Mary's Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019

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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 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.

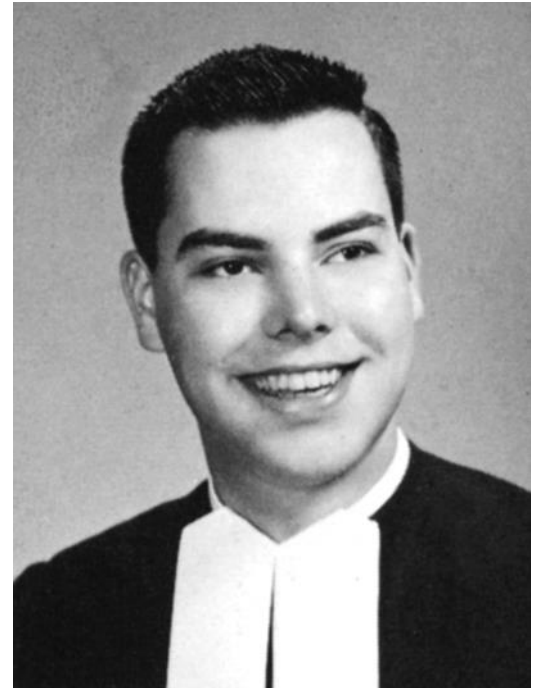
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Second Sunday of Advent

Local Saint!

Bl. James Miller

Our Diocese can be proud to celebrate the life of one of our native son's who will be declared Blessed this weekend by Pope Francis. This means that churches can publicly ask Bl. James for prayers. It means that one miracle has already been confirmed through his intercession. Brother James Miller, a (De La Salle) Christian Brother, who was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and ministered to the people of Nicaragua and Guatemala as well as having taught at Cretin High School (now Cretin-Derham Hall) in St. Paul, MN. Jim was brutally shot to death as he was repairing a wall at the De La Salle Indian School in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on February 13, 1982. This occurred because the Brothers were relentless in their efforts to keep the Indian boys from being conscripted into the military. Brother James was very aware of the oppression of the Guatemalan Indian people and worked to provide training in job and leadership skills (<https://www.cbmidwest.org/New/celebrating-blessed-brother-james-miller-fsc/>).



Here is a prayer for his help:

*Loving and gracious God,
We thank you for the gift of
Blessed James Miller, who along with the other named
and unnamed martyrs of Central America,
at great cost to themselves,
worked diligently to help the poor
and to relieve their oppression.
As we call Brother James blessed, so may we celebrate
and willingly follow his example of love, generosity,
and faith. Amen.*



Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Dec. 17. Jan. 3, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, & 31.

Please use the Mass Intention Envelopes located in the back and by the side door to request a Mass. Thank you.

Dec. 07 - 4:00 PM ~ †Anna Kerska
Dec. 08 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter
Dec. 10 - 6:00 PM ~ Our Parish Family
Dec. 11 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Dec. 13 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Dec. 14 - 4:00 PM ~ †Edward Kerska
Dec. 15 - 9:15 AM ~ †Ken and Irene Roesler

Giving Last Week		Week 48	12/1/2019
Adult Envelopes	\$1000.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,900.00
Offertory	\$144.00	Received This Week	\$1,144.00
Total	<u>\$1144.00</u>	YTD Needed	\$74,200.00
		YTD Received	\$75,728.35
31 Adult Env		Difference	1,528.35
BEET Grant	\$550.00		
Sale of Old Windows	\$89.00		

Annual Appeal 2019-20

As of 12/03/2019	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$7,350.00	\$6,700.00
Target Amount	<u>\$11,755.00</u>	<u>\$11,755.00</u>
Amt Over Target	<u>(\$4,405.00)</u>	<u>(\$5,055.00)</u>

Percent Pledged: 62.53%, Percent Received: 57%

Number Contributing 23

Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. We are on our way! There are extra cards and envelopes near the church doors, or you may also donate online at: <https://diolc.org/donate-online>, under Designation, choose: 2019 (445) St. Mary Parish. Keep in mind that any money donated above our goal is returned to our 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., Dec. 14 4:00 PM	Sun., Dec. 15 9:15 AM
Servers:	VOLUNTEERS	
Reader (s):	Jeana LeJeune	Keith Kenyon
Communion Minister (s):	Mary Gajewski	Jodie Holdorf
Ushers:	Andy LeJeune and Volunteer	Mark Boland and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Caroline Tiedeman and Pat Kammel	

Parish Announcements

Join Us at the *Kriskindlmarkt* (Christmas Market)

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting their annual *Kriskindlmarkt* December 14-15, 2019. **Any parishioners who would like to meet as a group for the brunch on Saturday, December 14 must sign up in the back of church so reservations can be made.** The group will meet at 11:00AM. in the main entrance. The cost of the brunch is \$14.95 and will be paid for at the door. ***Please sign up by December 8*** or earlier. The tradition of holding Christmas markets during the season of Advent originated in Germany in the mid-16th Century. This year's market will include many handcrafted items, delicious baked goods, German buffet, live nativity, Christmas carolers, a cozy fire, and much more. The market will be open from 10:00AM. -4:00PM. each day.

Christmas Mass Liturgical Ministry Sign Up

If you are an Usher, Reader, Communion Minister or Altar Server and are able to help with Christmas Masses, please sign up in the back of church. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you wish to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, please use the envelopes located at the church entrances/exits. Return the envelope by dropping in the collection basket. Thank you!

Dec. 11 & 18 ~ Prayer Opportunity

Advent is fasting approaching! This Advent our parish will have an extra opportunity of prayer offered through The Liturgy of the Hours; the prayer of the Church meant to welcome God into the various hours of the day. **We will offer Vespers, or Evening Prayer, Wednesday at 6:45 PM on December 11th and 18th.** Please consider coming to experience this form of prayer from our Church's tradition. The prayers last about 20 min. Prayer books are provided, but you can look at the prayers online at: <http://www.liturgies.net/Liturgies/Catholic/loh/advent/week1wednesdayep.htm>.

Advent Retreat

Fr. Matt will be offering an Advent retreat at St. Leo's in West Salem Dec 19 - 21. Thurs and Fri at 6:30 PM with Confessions to follow on Friday. Saturday Dec 21st Fr. Kennedy will swap parishes with Fr. Matt who will take the 4 PM Mass at West Salem with concluding retreat presentation to follow.

A Bulletin Just for Kids

Each week we now have a children's version of the bulletin. It contains activities about the weekend reading. They are fun! Feel free to have a look at one on your way out today. It is for the young and the young at heart!

Free Advent Prayer Books

The Word Among Us Advent prayer books are in the pews. Please take as many as you will find helpful!

Calendars and Contribution Envelopes for 2020

Please pick up your 2020 Contributions envelopes from the back of church, if you do not have a box and would like one, please call the Rectory at 608-452-3841. Also available are the 2020 Liturgical Calendars, sponsored by the PCCW.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Dec. 7/8

Support aging religious. An additional collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Accepting Mass Intentions for 2020

Have that special date you want to reserve for a loved one? Please use the Intention Envelopes located at the back of church and the side door to submit your requests for 2020.

CV Lions Tree Lighting Food Pantry Fundraiser

Last year St. Mary's parishioners and the Men's Club contributed a total of \$701.00!!! Our goal is to raise \$1.00 more this year. To contribute use the food pantry collection basket in the back of church. The collection runs the weekend of Nov. 2-3 until the weekend of Dec. 21-22. Please be generous and help us and the Lions' reach our goals. **(The Vernon County Food Pantry is able to purchase \$18 worth of food for every \$1 that is donated!!!)**

Donut Sunday—January 12th to Welcome our New Parish Members from the past year. Please join us downstairs for some fresh donuts and beverages, and get to know your fellow parishioners. All are welcome, including guests!

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](https://www.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**

Reconciliation Opportunities

Please take advantage of the additional confession opportunities in our area. On December 17th at St. Joseph Ridge Parish during adoration from 5:30-6:30 PM and on December 18th at St. Peter Parish from 7:30-8:30 PM. Confessathon on December 23rd from 9 AM - 6 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse. Fr. Matt will be hearing Confessions from 4 - 6 PM at the Cathedral on the 23rd, so will Bishop Callahan!

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Upcoming Events/Calendar

Dec. 5-10		Parish office closed. Amy on PTO. Please contact Fr. Matt for administrative items.
Dec. 8	During Mass	Children's Mass Sunday
Dec. 8	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Dec. 11	6:45 PM	Vespers/Evening Prayer
Dec. 15	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Dec. 18	6:45 PM	Vespers/Evening Prayer
Dec. 19-21		Retreat at St. Leo's, see parish announcements for details.
Dec. 21	4:00 PM	Welcome Fr. Kennedy
Dec. 22		NO Religious Education Classes—Merry Christmas!
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec. 24	9:15 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 29		NO Religious Education Classes—Happy New Year!
Dec. 31	6:00 PM *updated	New Year's Eve Mass—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God— Holy Day of Obligation.
Jan. 1	8:00 AM	NO MASS— Happy New Year!
Jan. 5	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12		NO Religious Education Classes
Jan. 12* Updated	After Mass	Coffee and Donut Fellowship—all are welcome to join us downstairs, including new or visiting parishioners
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	PCCW Meeting

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Upcoming at Franciscan Spirituality Center

www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295

Dec. 7~Advent Morning of Reflection: Waiting in Hope. Saturday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Waiting holds spiritual gifts for us. Spend a morning deepening your insights about waiting and what it can teach us. *Investment: \$10*

Dec. 7~Silent Night: An Advent Singing Bowls Experience. Saturday, 6-8 p.m. We've partnered with Tom Roberts and Viterbo Campus Ministry for a special evening of Taize-style prayer, Tibetan singing bowls, hymns and choir music at San Damiano Chapel. *Freewill offerings appreciated.*

Dec. 13~Sip and Paint: Journey of the Wise Men

Friday, 6-9 p.m. Laurie Swan will guide you step-by-step in the creation of your very own canvas painting of the journey of the Wise Men. All supplies (including stencil) and refreshments included! *Investment: \$40.*

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.** If you use online banking you may make your contribution using 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).

Door of Hope Volunteer Options

We are looking for volunteers during business hours on Tuesday and Friday 10 AM to 2 PM for the following positions: Office Receptionist (would like 2 more), general cleaning and organizing person, and 2 people with basic carpenter skills and tools to help install shelving in laundry room. We are located at 304 N. Washington Ave., Viroqua. Please call 608-637-8688, if no answer, please leave a message or call Aaron Berg at 608-606-5651. Thank you.

Dec. 14~Cookie Walk and Bazaar

Holy Trinity, 1333 South 13th St., La Crosse, from 8 AM to Noon. Cookies, bread and other goodies. Cookies-\$6.50/lb. Jewelry, decorations, crafts and express lunch offered

Dec. 14 ~ MMOC Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, at our Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade breads, pies and candies and many misc. homemade craft items and Scrip gift cards available for sale. Pastries, coffee and apple cider are available from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. and homemade soup and chili from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dollhouse raffle, raffle baskets and hourly door prizes. Demonstrations making krumkake and Rosettes. Let us do your Christmas baking!

Jan. 22-26~Pilgrimage for Life

The Pilgrimage for Life will be January 22-26, 2020. It is for anyone ages 13 and up. More information is coming soon. Please keep checking our website at: <https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.