Fr. Matt Marshall
Pastor

The Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2020
Reading 498A

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 frmattmarshall@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.
St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI
The Baptism of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
2) Acts 10:34-38
3) Matthew 3:13-17

FOCUS: Through our baptism, we are called to a life of discipleship.

The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus at his baptism, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. At our baptism, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament, we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah shares the Lord’s promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and bring justice to the nations. In the second reading, Peter tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John, and the Spirit of God descends upon him.

### Giving Last Week

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**Mass Intentions**

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Jan. 21, 24, 28, & 31. Feb. 8, 14, 18, 25, 28, & 29. Mar. 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 29, & 31.

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

Jan. 11 - 11:00 PM ~ †Ed Denning
Jan. 12 - 9:15 AM ~ †Allen and Mercedes Christen
Jan. 14 - 6:00 PM ~ †Jim Coonan
Jan. 15 - 8:00 AM ~ †Msgr. Francis Abuah-Quansah
Jan. 17 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Jan. 18 - 4:00 PM ~ Kathleen Roningen
Jan. 19 - 9:15 AM ~ †Arlene Seichter

### Annual Appeal 2019-2020

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Percent Pledged: 86.13%, Percent Received: 81.03%

Number Contributing: 31

Thank you all who have donated thus far. We are on your way! 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., Jan. 18 4:00 PM**

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**Sun., Jan. 19 9:15 AM**
Parish Announcements

Donut Sunday—January 12th
Please join us after Mass this Sunday for donuts and coffee. We hope to offer this hospitality now and again to help us get to know one another better, especially newer parishioners. No offering is expected. Just come and enjoy!

WI Right To Life Signature Ad
Check out the ad in the upcoming January 19th edition of the La Crosse Tribune. Look for fellow parishioners who signed up: Randy and Pat Baranczyk, Jim and Barb Fleming, Jodie Holdorf, Ronald and Marlene Humfeld, Mike and Clarice Kammel, John and Carol Roesler, and Robert and Laura Wieczorek.

CV Lions Food Pantry Drive
The collection for the Coon Valley Lion’s Food Pantry Drive, benefitting the Vernon County Food Pantry totaled $577.00!!! This will enable them to buy over $10,000.00 worth of food!!!! Thanks to all that contributed and we will try and exceed that amount next year!

New Liturgical Ministry Schedules
Altar servers signup online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aead2ea1fb6-server4

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

Upcoming Events/Calendar

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<td>Jan. 12</td>
<td>NO Religious Education Classes</td>
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<td>Jan. 12*</td>
<td>Updated After Mass Coffee and Donut Fellowship—all are welcome to join us downstairs, including new or visiting parishioners</td>
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<td>After Mass Religious Education Classes</td>
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<td>After Mass Religious Education Classes</td>
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<td>Feb. 1/2</td>
<td>Special Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)</td>
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Rest in Peace:
Msgr. Francis Abuah-Quansah
From
Department for Communications
Catholic Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rev. Msgr. Francis Abuah-Quansah. He passed away on Monday, 6th January, 2020 at the GHAPOHA Hospital, Takoradi. Msgr. Abuah-Quansah was ordained a priest on 25th July, 1976. Until his demise, he was the Apostolic Administrator's Delegate of the Catholic Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi and was also a former rector of St. Paul's Seminary, Sowutuom in Accra. He was 69. Kindly pray for the peaceful repose of his soul. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Legion Spaghetti Dinner
A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Legion on Sunday, January 12th, with the proceeds going toward repair of the Coon Creek Veterans Memorial that was damaged in the 2018 flooding. See the poster in back of church for more details.

Lectio Eucharist Study Group
During the season of Lent 2020 the Diocese of La Crosse is encouraging as many parishes as possible to offer a study entitled “Lectio Eucharist.” It is a 10-session course that explores Sacred Scripture, history and the Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the miracle of the Holy Eucharist. They would like to see it offered at our parish along with St. Peter’s. The course is offered at several parishes in La Crosse at various times. Classes will begin the week of January 26 and conclude by Holy Week. These are powerful courses to deepen your knowledge of our faith. You are always welcome to attend at any of the parishes. Parishes offering the course are St. James, Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick’s, Holy Trinity, Mary Mother of the Church, Newman Center, and Cathedral and possibly St. Joseph Ridge Parish. See the flyers and registration information in the back of church. Register online by January 13th.

Depressed Anonymous—Weekly Support Group. This is a 12-step group for those dealing with depression to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support. Questions? Email Vince at vjhatt@gmail.com. Freewill offerings are appreciated. Next meeting Monday, January 13 from 5:30-6:30 PM. Open attendance. Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 | 608-791-5295

The movie Unplanned will be shown at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse on Wednesday, 1.15.2020, at 6:30 PM. This will be a free showing with donations accepted to Pro-Life Wisconsin. Discussion led by Deacon David Allen and Marie Allen afterward, and copies of the movie will be (Continued on page 4)
available. Contact Marie Allen with questions: 608-784-5189.

Community Conversations - The Family Farm Today
Thoughtful, theological, non-partisan conversations about social and economic issues that affect our community. **January 15 from noon to 1 PM** at English Lutheran Church, 1509 King St., La Crosse. 608-784-9335. Over the past year, Wisconsin led the nation in family bankruptcies. How are farmers today responding to rapidly changing conditions in climate, immigration policy, and global trade? Join us for a discussion with Jim Mlsna of Ocooch Dairy as he talks about the role of the family farm today and the future of farming in Wisconsin. Visit us at: interfaithleaders.org

March for Life!
**Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020**

Catholic Schools Week starts Sunday, January 26, 2020. Please take time to celebrate with the Catholic School students and their families in our diocese, and please pray for the continued success of our Catholic Schools.

Aquinas Catholic Schools Open House Dates:
**Aquinas High School** - Monday, January 13th – 6:00 P.M. (All Grades 9th-12th)
**Aquinas Middle School** - Wednesday, January 15th – 6:00 P.M. (All Grades 7th-8th)
**St. Patrick Elementary School** – Sunday, January 26th (after Mass) – 8:00 A.M. - Noon & Thursday, February 6th – 6:00 P.M. & Friday, February 7th 1:00 P.M. (All Grades 3P-6th)
**Cathedral Elementary School** - Tuesday, February 4th – 6:00 P.M. & Wednesday, February 5th – 1:00 P.M. (All Grades 3P-2nd)

Shadow Day Opportunities
Want to experience a day in the life of an Aquinas Catholic Schools student? Sign up to shadow on January 17th, January 21st, February 28th, March 9th, or any day that works best for your family’s schedule. Visit: [https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/visit-our-schools](https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/visit-our-schools) Please call 608.784.8585 for additional information or to sign up for a shadow day via phone.

Do you know what MouseTrapping “is”?
MouseTrapping is technology that predators are now utilizing to lure children into pornographic sites. How is this done? Predators purchase domain names for popular toys, games, movies, music, etc. When a child enters the website seeking information about their favorite toy, game, music, etc. they are lured into pornographic sites. These sites loop the child from one image to another making it very difficult for the child to exit out of the site.

Whenever the user tries to leave the site by closing the browser window and going to a new URL, the site that is mousetrapping will automatically open a new browser window with its URL or not allow the browser to go to a new URL. Some mousetraps will only open a limited number of new browser windows and will eventually let the user leave the site; the other mousetraps will open new browser windows ad infinitum, and the only way to get out of the trap is to press “Ctrl+Alt+Del” to end the task or reboot the computer if that fails.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on the weekend of February 1-2. Please pray for all those in consecrated life, and for many more persons to answer God’s call to this vocation.

**Television Masses for Shut-ins:**
WXOW CH 19
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>

**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).