

St. Mary's Parish

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Merry Christmas



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December 23 and 25, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

Reading 488 & 490C

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St. Mary's, Coon Valley

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday and Friday - 8:00 AM

Tuesday - 6:00 PM (beginning Dec. 4, 2018)

Area Parishes:

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.

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 contact Fr. Matt to register for Baptism preparation. Preparation should be completed before the birth of your child, if possible.

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.

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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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

- 1) Micah 5:1-4a
- 2) Hebrews 10:5-10
- 3) Luke 1:39-45



FOCUS: Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd.

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Micah prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. Paul reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and his obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. The Gospel depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God.

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25, 2018

- 1) Isaiah 9:1-6
- 2) Titus 2:11-14
- 3) Luke 2:1-14



FOCUS: There is good news and rejoicing as light has entered the world with the birth of the Savior.

The wait is over. The promise is fulfilled. Light has entered the world. Abundant joy and great rejoicing abound. *For a child is born to us, a son is given us.* The Messiah has come to save us and lead us all to the Father. The message of Christmas fills us with peace. *Glory to God in the highest.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The words of Isaiah relay God's promise of a Savior. The prophecy is filled with light, joy, hope and optimism. Paul's Letter to Titus reminds us to reject sin and be eager to do good. In the Gospel, the Messiah is born at last, and the shepherds are told the good news of his birth.

Annual Appeal 2018-19		
12/21/2018		
	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,375.00	\$8,125.00
Target Amount*	<u>\$11,405.00</u>	<u>\$11,405.00</u>
Over/Under	(\$1,030.00)	(\$3,280.00)

Giving Last Week		Week 50	12/16/2018
Adult Envelopes	\$1,867.00	Needed Weekly	\$1,400.00
Offertory	\$116.00	Received This Week	\$2,144.00
Ret. Fund for Rel.	\$100.00	Running total Needed	\$70,000.00
Votive Lights	\$61.00	Running total Received	\$67,710.88
Total	<u>\$2,144.00</u>	Difference	(2,289.12)
		42 of 115 envelopes received	

Next Week in Service

If you are not able to be at the Mass scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's.

	Saturday, Dec 24, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Dec 24, 7:00 PM	Sunday, Dec 25, 9:15 AM	Sunday, Dec 29, 4:00 PM	Sunday, Dec 30, 9:15 AM
Servers:	Brittney and Whitney Mislivecek	Madelyn and Silas VonFeldt	Volunteers	Volunteers	Brock Hoskins and Garrison Korn
Reader:	Marlene Humfeld	Jeana LeJeune	Volunteer	Nancy Peters	Ryan Goodwin
Communion Minister:	Virginia Nerison and Volunteer	Jeana LeJeune and Volunteer	Susan Humfeld and Volunteer	Pat Baranczyk	Sue Humfeld
Ushers:	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Volunteers	Dave Humfeld and ????	Joe Roesler and Volunteer	Dave Humfeld and Volunteer
Money Counters:	Randy Baranczyk and Leo Nickelotti				

Mass Intentions		
Dec. 22	4:00 PM	†Larry and Myrtle Geier
Dec. 23	9:15 AM	†Joseph Korn
Dec. 24	4:00 PM	†Kylie VonRuden
Dec. 24	7:00 PM	The People of God
Dec. 25	9:15 AM	†Bernard and Cecilia Humfeld
Dec. 26	8:00 AM	†Joe Berra. Sr.
Dec. 28	8:00 AM	†Alma Pedretti
Dec. 29	4:00 PM	†Edward and Anna Kerska
Dec. 30	9:15 AM	†Theodore Ollendick

Upcoming Events/Calendar		
Dec 23		NO Religious Education Classes-Merry Christmas!
Dec 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass
Dec. 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
Dec 25	9:15 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Dec 30	After Mass	NO Religious Education Classes-Happy New Year!
Jan 1	6:00 PM	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Jan 4	After Mass	First Friday Adoration
Jan 6	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 8	6:00 PM	Evening weekday Mass
Jan 12	After Mass	Religious Education Classes
Jan 15	7:00 PM	Men's Club meeting in the church basement

Announcements

New Schedules Now Available

Schedules for Money Counters, Readers, Communion Ministers and Ushers are available for pickup in the back of church, as well as on line.

Servers will now be signing up for serving via a website: signupgenius.com. Invites will go out after Sunday Masses this weekend. Every server family will receive an e-mail invite from Fr. Matt and then they can pick the times that they want for serving (be sure to check your junk mail box if you do not receive the invite). The website also makes it easy to swap days. You log in (using that link) and then you can click on the day you would like to swap for. That family will be e-mailed and have to accept the swap. Please consider serving at least once a month. It would be great to have at least one server per weekend Mass. Parents make sure to check and know when your children are serving. Thank you everyone!

End of the Year Giving

All contributions need to be to the parish by Sunday, December 30th to be included in the 2018 statements. All contributions received after the 30th will be included in the 2019 statements. Thanks you for your cooperation.

PCCW Craft Show

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible. Your time, baked goods, and participation are appreciated. Special thanks to our coordinator Nancy Peters.

2019 Contribution Envelopes Available for Pickup

There are still a few boxes left in back of church, if you have not already done so, please take yours with you this weekend, it will save on the mailing expense. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's. If you do not find your box, or you wish to receive envelopes please call or email the parish office.

Mass Intentions Available

We have the following dates available for the next few months:

January—8, 11, 15, 16, 19 or 20, 22, 23, 29

February—5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26

March-1, 2 or 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16 or 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31

Also, feel free to submit all your requests for 2019 to ensure you get that special date!

2019 Calendars

The St. Mary's liturgical calendar is a gift to you complements of the PCCW. Feel free to take one home today.

Taking a Stand...Making a Difference Signature Ad

The 46th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion (Roe v. Wade, Jan. 22, 1973) will soon be here. We invite you to join with other prolife members of our community in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life. This annual signature ad commemorating all of the precious lives lost to abortion will be in the La Crosse Tribune on Sunday, January 20th (Ad is sponsored by the La Crosse chapter of Wis. Right to Life).

If you would like to be included in this ad, PLEASE PRINT your name on the sheet in the back of church. Any donations to help defray the cost of the ad may be placed in the designated box next to the signup sheet. Thank you!

Food Pantry Donations/Christmas Tree Lighting

Again this year, the CV Lions will be hosting their Christmas Tree Lighting/Food Pantry Fundraiser project. Last year Saint Mary's parishioners and the Saint Mary's Men's Club contributed a total of \$775.00!!! (\$725 from parishioners), and our goal is to raise \$1.00 more this year... We will do the same as last year and use the food pantry collection basket in the back of church. All money that is in there, starting the weekend of October 27-28 until the weekend of December 22-23, will be designated as a contribution from Saint Mary's Parish to this Coon Valley Lions fundraiser. Please be generous and help us reach our goal and help the Coon Valley Lions reach their goal.

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Order Anything on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and Help St. Mary's Parish

Amazon Smile is now up and running for our parish! *Amazon Smile* is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, and will now support St. Mary's Parish every time you make a purchase through Amazon. 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" in the search bar provided. .5% of all your Amazon purchases will then come back to St. Mary's as a gift from Amazon. It's not an enormous contribution, but every bit helps! If you have any troubles logging in, please contact Fr. Matt. He will drive over and set it up for you! Let's help make St. Mary's even stronger financially!

Pilgrimage with Bishop William P. Callahan

Please join Bishop Callahan on a nine-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lyon and Paris. On this all-inclusive pilgrimage you will experience sites such as the Grotto of Massabielle and the pilgrim's path to Compostela, the Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese, the "Little Flower", Omaha Beach, and the City of Light, Paris, plus many more. Each guest will enjoy 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, as well as an opportunity for daily Mass and spiritual activities. For more information, see the flyer posted in the back of church and feel free to **take a Flyer/Reservation Agreement with you today**. If you have questions please call the Diocese at 608-788-7700 or call Ashley at Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017.

December 30 ~ Families – Your Feast Day is Almost Here!

Dec. 30th is the feast of the Holy Family. It is the day when families celebrate their ability to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) who showed us how to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect and faithfulness exist. What will your family do on the 30th to celebrate your feast day? For ideas go to: www.catholicicing.com.

Celebration at the Habitat ReStore

Join us for New Year's Eve Eve Eve at the ReStore! For the three Saturdays leading up to this event, a ReStore purchase will get you an entry into a drawing. Twelve names will be drawn to celebrate the ReStore's 12 years in the community! At our New Year's Eve Eve Eve extravaganza, these 12 will have the chance to win GREAT prizes. There will also be cookies, hot chocolate, games, and more!

January 7 ~ Begin the New Year with Emotionally Mature Children

Do your children test your resolve with their emotional immaturity? Do you need some suggestions on how to moderate the drama in your family? Then plan to attend the Raise Them Well Webinar on emotional maturity, January 7th at 7PM. You can be part of this webinar from the comfort of your own home. Just register and watch the entire presentation on your computer or smartphone. Cost \$5. Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/

January 12, 26 & February 23 ~ GIVEN Marriage

Retreat ~ GIVEN is a one-day retreat that fosters a deeper understanding of Marriage. It includes inspiring talks, energizing music and meaningful conversation. Retreats will be held in Marshfield (Jan.12, 2019), Chippewa Falls (Jan. 26, 2019) and La Crosse (Feb. 23, 2019). Dating, engaged and married couples are encouraged to attend. To get more information and/or register visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ (see the flyer posted in back of church).

January 12 and 26 ~ Burning Hearts Theology of the Body "Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender." Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn and understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God's plan for sexuality. The dates and locations are: January 12, 2019 at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Tomah, WI. January 26, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Wausau, WI. *Each day will run 9:00am-3:45pm. The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it's \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

January 14 ~ Raise Them Well Parenting Webinar

What role should emotions play in a child's life? How do you teach kids to control their emotions and to look beyond them? Join Alice Heinzen and Jeff Arrowood on-line on January 14th at 7PM for a great presentation and discussion on emotional maturity. Cost \$5. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars.

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC registration is open

Consider joining other pilgrims from the Diocese of La Crosse traveling to Washington DC on January 16 returning on January 20, 2019. The annual Pilgrimage for Life is open to all people ages 13 and up. Either join the group from your parish or contact the diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adult at 608-791-2652 or visit our website at diolc.org/m41-reg

Winter Tea Garden: Lessons From Narnia

January 19, Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Investment: \$45 per person (tables may be reserved in groups of six). Note: All net profits from this event benefit our three scholarship funds.

We invite you to come in from the cold and spend a winter afternoon in Narnia, the land from the beloved fantasy series *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

This fourth annual tea party event is not only a warm and cheerful way to break up the winter months but also an opportunity to "pay it forward." Proceeds benefit our scholarship funds, ensuring that all who want to attend our programs and retreats can do so. As a special treat, guests can bid on a special Narnia-themed painting created by artist Mary Thompson during this event. **Please register online at www.FSCenter.org or by calling 608-791-5295** The Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse. **Seats are limited**

Televised 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

Youth Religion Education Program:

Classes meet after the Sunday Mass from September to May. Coordinator: Paul Thompson. Email: thom.paulrobert@gmail.com

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)

Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities offers many services in our diocese. Programs offered include: emergency services, adoption services, mental health counseling, financial counseling, HIV/AIDS ministries, immigration services, in-home support for children with disabilities, and domestic abuse services. For more information please call 1-888-212-HELP or visit [<www.cclse.org>](http://www.cclse.org).