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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 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.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

1) Isaiah 8:23–9:3
2) 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
3) Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

FOCUS: The life of a disciple calls for repentance and courage.

Jesus fulfills all prophecy and brings light to our darkness. He calls his disciples out of their way of life – from fishermen to fishers of men. He calls us to follow him, too, so as to bring light, truth and goodness into a world that needs repentance.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah writes of the day when all gloom is gone. Light will come to the people who walked in darkness, and they will rejoice. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to have no divisions among [them]. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, calls Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. The brothers leave everything and follow Jesus.

Word of God Sunday

Today is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and also a brand new feast day in the Catholic world, Word of God Sunday. The liturgical changes we began a few weeks ago were with this new feast day in mind.

Pope Francis established this day to help us remember the important place of God’s Word in our lives. We added candles to our ambo and started using a Gospel book at every Sunday Eucharist. This Sunday you will notice that we are using our special feast day parament for the ambo. It providentially depicts the Word of God as God’s presence. I will also conclude the Gospel reading today with a special blessing with the Book of Gospels. Usually only heard at the Cathedral with Bishop, today we will all remember that the words of the Gospel have the power to heal us.

~Fr. Matt

Annual Appeal 2019-2020

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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.

Mass Intentions

We have the following dates available for the next few months: Feb. 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. 25 - 11:00 PM ~ †Edwin Sedevie
Jan. 26 - 9:15 AM ~ †Kylie Von Ruden
Jan. 28 - 6:00 PM ~ Our Parish Family
Jan. 29 - 8:00 AM ~ †Anna Kerska
Jan. 31 - 8:00 AM ~ Our Parish Family
Feb. 01 - 4:00 PM ~ Health of Faith Nemec
Feb. 02 - 9:15 AM ~ †Deceased members of the Fleming and Ollendick Families

Next Week in Service

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

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Parish Announcements

Synagogue Field Trip, Sunday February 9th
We will be taking a field trip to the synagogue in La Crosse. We will depart around 10:30 AM by way of bus (thank you Aquinas!). Our Sunday school students will be offered seats first, along with the students from Immanuel Lutheran in Viroqua. After they are on we will offer seats to anyone else interested. Rabbi Brian Searle will talk with us for about an hour and then their community has offered us some snacks to follow in their hall. After some time of visiting we will head to Pizza Doctors for a lunch buffet. We should arrive back here at St. Mary's around 2:30-3 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please sign up in the back of church this weekend or next so that I can get a head count to Rabbi Brian.

Prayers Before Mass
We have been doing an additional prayer before Mass for many months now. This was the request of Bishop Callahan leading up to this weekend's Diocesan announcement. For these weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent we will stop using that pre-Mass prayer and let our Sunday Eucharist return to normal, so to speak. I am open to feedback about the prayers though. Were they helpful? Would you like to continue that practice at our parish? Please let Fr. Matt know so that we can prepare accordingly for Lent and Easter. Thank you!

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Catholic Schools Week: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. 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. Bishop Callahan's Catholic Schools Week Video Greeting, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxKoWeZCR7I&feature=youtu.be

Annual Appeal- 2019 tax acknowledgements will be mailed by 1/31/2020. Parishioners should receive them in mailboxes the week of 2/3/20. Please call or email Sarah Komperud if you have any questions, 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diocl.org.

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Pancake Breakfast
February 23 at St. Joseph Ridge Parish. Please join us in our School Hall from 8 AM to 11:30 AM for and ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast, serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and a beverage for $7, $5 for children 5-12, under 5 free. There will also be a bake sale and a cash raffle.

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.

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month
See the USCCB National Human Trafficking website. It has valuable information and shares ways you can work to end human trafficking in your community. http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/human-trafficking.cfm

La Crosse Warming Center Events/Announcements
Making a Difference Monday
Join our staff and other community members as we stop for lunch and dinner at the La Crosse Distilling Company on January 27 from 11 am - 11:30 PM. Make sure to mention the La Crosse Warming Center and 10% of your bill will be donated to the Warming Center and serving the homeless in our community.

La Crosse Lenten Luncheon - Save the Date
We will be hosting our 14th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, April 1st. Learn more or make your RSVP today!

Front Desk Volunteers Needed
In order to devote more resources to helping those in need in our community, Catholic Charities relies on community volunteers to cover our front desks. They assist us in answering phones, greeting clients, and helping programs with small admin jobs. We have openings from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 - 4:00 pm at both office locations. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity please visit cclse.org or email Jim Horman, our volunteer coordinator, at jhorman@cclse.org.

Healing the Healer: A Retreat for Healthcare Workers
Franciscan Spirituality Center | 920 Market St, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601 | (608) 791-5295 | fscenter@fspa.org | FEBRUARY 22 • Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Presenters: Jeannette Spilde, M.D., and Jean Pagliaro Investment: $65, includes lunch Registration deadline: February 8 Calling all physicians, nurses, medical personnel, veterinarians, chaplains, social workers, therapists and counselors. Is your work as a health-care provider hurting you? Have you been feeling down, exhausted, cynical or stressed? Is the pain and trauma of others affecting your mood, thoughts and relationships? This day will provide an uplifting time of renewal with the support of others. Activities will include both large- and small-group discussion, time for meditation or prayer, and options for journaling or other forms of self-reflection.

Pilgrimages Offered
In the FOOTSTEPS of SAINT JOHN PAUL II, experience POLAND or visit the SHRINES OF FRANCE in 2020. For more information on these upcoming Pilgrimage tours please contact Erika Piotrowski at (231)720-8378 or email at erikap.euro@hotmail.com.

Rescheduled La Crosse GIVEN Marriage Enrichment Retreat for Couples
Due to inclement weather, the GIVEN retreat scheduled for January 18 at Mary, Mother of the Church is being rescheduled for Saturday, February 1 at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. Every healthy relationship needs renewal and GIVEN is a powerful opportunity with proven results. Each couple is able to focus on their relationship with each other and with God in an interactive, engaging manner. You can obtain more information and register for the retreat in La Crosse or Rothschild here: https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

On February 21st-Faith Build Kick off!
Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area was awarded funding from Thrivent Financial for our region’s first Faith Build. Want to be involved? Join us on Friday, February 21, with the “Nacho Average Home” event at the Black River Beach Center from 6-7:30 pm. This FREE event features a nacho bar, fun activities, and raffles. www.habitatlacrosse.org/faith-build.

Seeking future homeowners!
Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Habitat’s Homeowner Program? Our next Homeowner Informational Meetings will be February 27-29. Click here to fill out an interest form to be notified about the dates and times.

Volunteers Needed
Did you know Habitat builds through the winter? We currently have six homes under construction and need volunteers. We do have indoor opportunities available. Sign up today at www.habitatlacrosse.org/volunteer

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).