

Dec. 20th, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

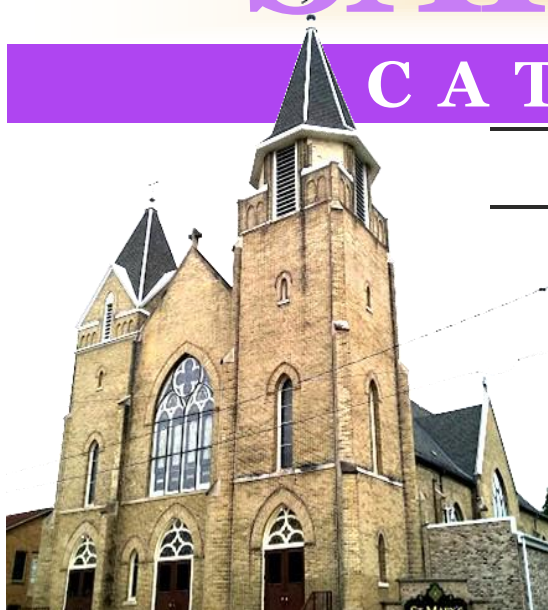
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Adoration

Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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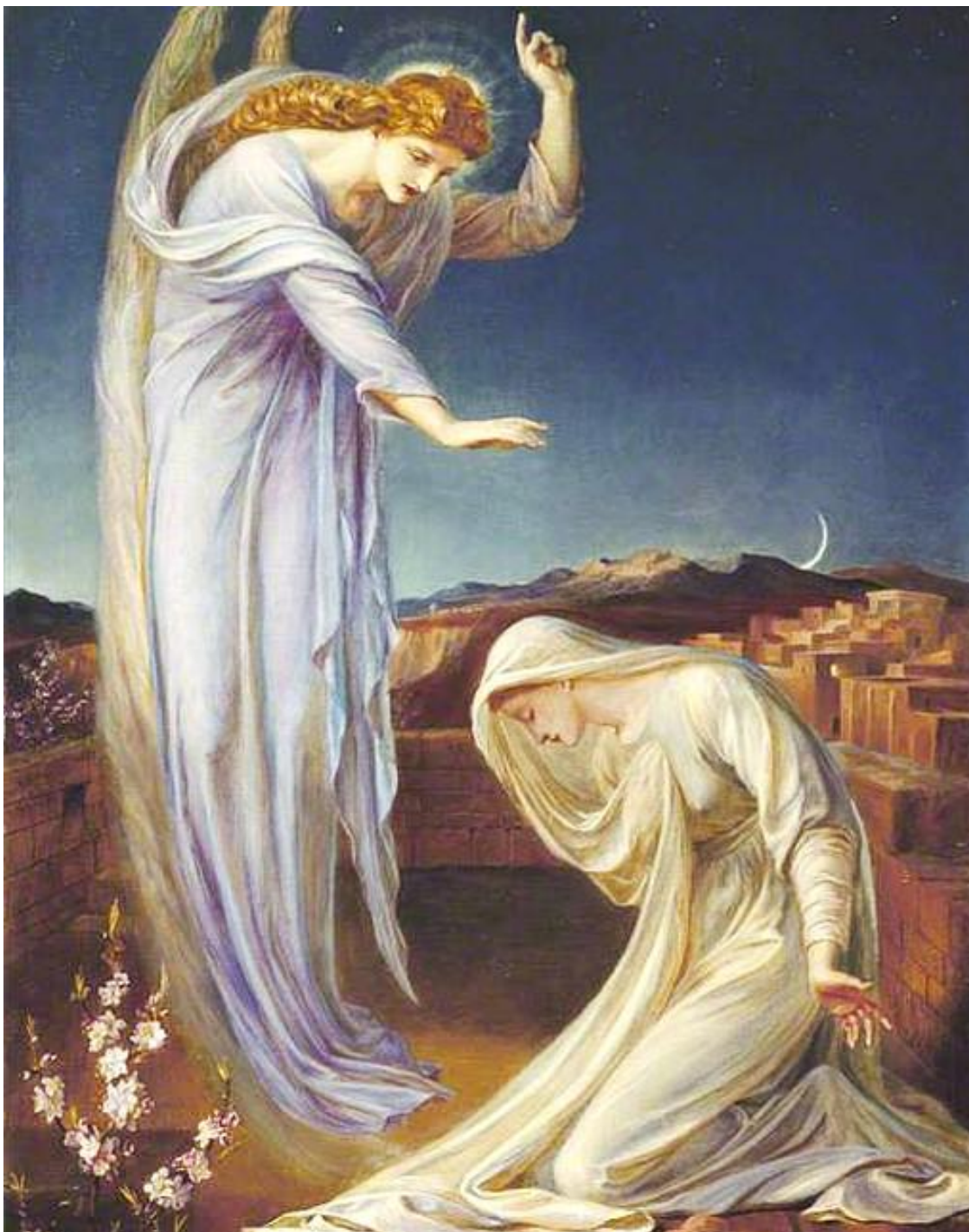
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Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	December 22
5:30 am	Private Mass By: Fr. Clayton
Wednesday,	December 23
8:30 am	† Stanislaw Kurowski By: Family
Thursday,	December 24
4:00 pm	† Fr. John Steiner By: Fr. Clayton
7:00 pm	† Bill McGowan By: Dan McGowan
Friday,	December 25
9:00 am	St. Mary's Parish Families & Lyndon Station Community By: Fr. Clayton
Saturday,	December 26
7:00 pm	† Witold Szawlowski By: Family
Sunday,	December 27
9:00 am	† Joseph & Mary Barman By: Mary Ann Troge
1:00 pm	Parishioner Mass



Upcoming Events

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

January 1st at 9:00 am

Parish Pastoral Council

Canceled: Future date coming

Parish Finance Council

February 9th at 6:30 pm



Within the Word - Mary's Yes was for all of us

The Announcement to Mary begins our immediate preparations for the coming anniversary of Christ's birth. His birthday is coming and, He's going to be 2020 years young! Ever heard the old phrase, in the "year of our Lord." Interestingly enough, He isn't even the oldest human, for His mother Mary is a good 15 years older. Friends, surprising calls from Archangels can spark fear and questioning, leading one to ask for a sign before they say yes. Mary doesn't ask for a sign, but Gabriel gives it. Understandably, doubts and fears are as human as it gets, and Mary being the Archetype, would have expressed the same reaction as any. It makes sense that Mary would have responded, as a young maiden, "how can this be?" I think any person, who understands the nature of having children would ask the same thing. Mary's questioning was not so much one of doubt and anxiety, but of openness and curiosity. There are times when we often question God's will -His providence and plans. We might look at something bad and wonder why does this happen? Or read about something great happening to someone bad, and wonder how come? Or even be so bold as to say, "how can this be?" and be in doubt...Friends, Mary's role in learning and accepting God's Will, was not something of doubt but, one of curiosity than anything. Mary had a good point, when asking the Archangel...And, Gabriel's response is powerful too, for He admits, ya this isn't the norm, but hey the, *"Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;"* This sign that he reveals of Elizabeth, would have been a comforting one. For Mary now learns that she wouldn't be alone. Mary learns that even her dear cousin (who's beyond her years of childbearing), would also be having a child. Having multiple pregnancies in family is fun. I remember the many times my relatives were pregnant, all at the same time. There is something powerful and overwhelming about witnessing it. Lastly, Mary doesn't question anymore...she immediately runs in haste to her last known relative. The very definitive yes and quick response to Elizabeth was a sign of Mary's Faith. Mary didn't need time to think about it; for Mary the angel's message is a blessing; but very much one in disguise. It is placing her in a difficult position too, socially, culturally, religiously, and personally. Even though she had plenty of reason to question and have second thoughts...she abandons everything to God in a split second and didn't look back. We should always remember her Fiat when we think about faith and doubt. Nothing is impossible with God! In difficult times, it is good to remember that God is fully in charge of the world. Everything is in His hands...and all is according to his plan. There is always hope.

Fr. Clayton

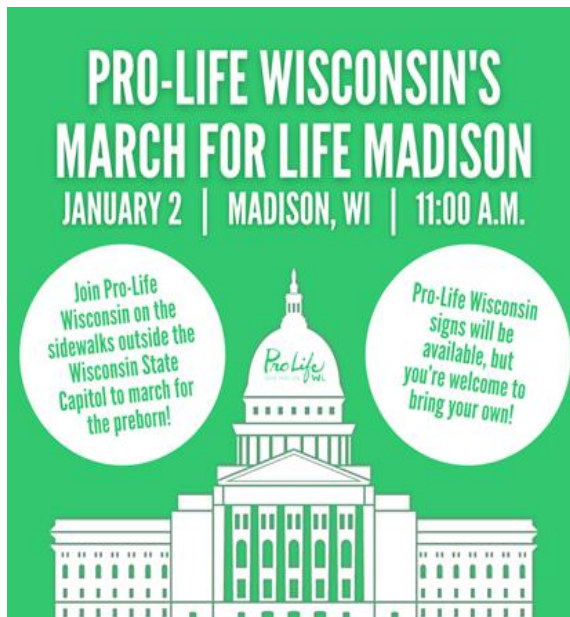
St. Mary's Prayer List

Mildred Blank, Vinnie Bellock, Joan Burch; Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton & John Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Anna McGowan, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Marjorie Senzig, George & Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please... Pray the Rosary!!

Get Your Offertory Envelopes



As we close out the year we ask that you pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes. The envelope boxes are in alphabetical order in the back of the church. Please save the parish the expense of mailing your envelopes.



Thank You from the Mission Office at the Diocese of La Crosse



"We in the Mission Office want to thank you for being a source of hope in a world affected by the pandemic of illness and unrest. As a result of World Mission Sunday, St. Mary Parish of Lyndon Station has helped to support the work of missionaries who foster hope and bring assistance. May God bless you for your financial contribution and all your prayers. We will forward the total to the national Society for the Propagation of the Faith office. Your collective gifts will support projects that build God's kingdom in our midst. Thank you."

"We're also passing on the Co-op collection to the OFM Conventuals. God bless your extra efforts."

Christmas Masses - Update

The 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses are FULL! If you haven't already done so and plan to attend the 9 a.m. Mass, PLEASE make a reservation. This can be done via email @ stmaryparishlyndon@gmail.com, phone call to the parish office @ 666-2421, or by signing up at the back of church. We also ask families to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. This will help our ushers prepare for any overflow if the need arises, via walk-ins etc; to be safe and keep social distancing in place.

Preparing for Christmas

There's still time to prepare spiritually for the birth of our Savior. You are invited to watch one (or all) of the presentations for the Advent Mission. The theme is "Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph." The presentations are available at diolc.org/advent. The length of the talks are 30-40 minutes with discussion questions available.



The Presenters and Titles of the Presentations are:

- * St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus – Msgr. Joseph Diermeier
- * Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story – Msgr. Joseph Hirsch
- * That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes – Father Woodrow Pace
- * "Joseph, Son of David... You are to Give Him the Name Jesus" – Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Financial Stewardship

December 13, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1823.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$31.00
Offertory.....	\$306.00
Holy Days.....	\$250.00
Votive Candles.....	\$50.00
Total	\$2,460.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,548.07
(164 registered families)	

Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$61,154.31
Contributed	\$65,640.41

Time to go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

-St. Joseph, Pray for us!



St. Mary's Floor Project

Parishioners' Goal:	\$75,000
Total Received:	\$72,300.00
Percent of Goal received:	96.40%

2020-21 Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$15,810
Total Pledged & Received:	\$8,310.00
Percent of Goal pledged:	52.56%

Where's Fr. Clayton?

3rd Sunday Advent - Page 2 Lower Lft
2nd Sunday Advent - Page 4 Upper Rt
1st Sunday Advent - Page 4 Middle left
Christ the King - Page 2 Lower Left

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