## January 1, 2023 - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

# SAINT MARY'S THE OLDEST EXISTING CATHOLIC PARIS



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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekdays Tue, 5:30 pm Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30 am

Weekends Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm \*\*Also by appointment\*\*

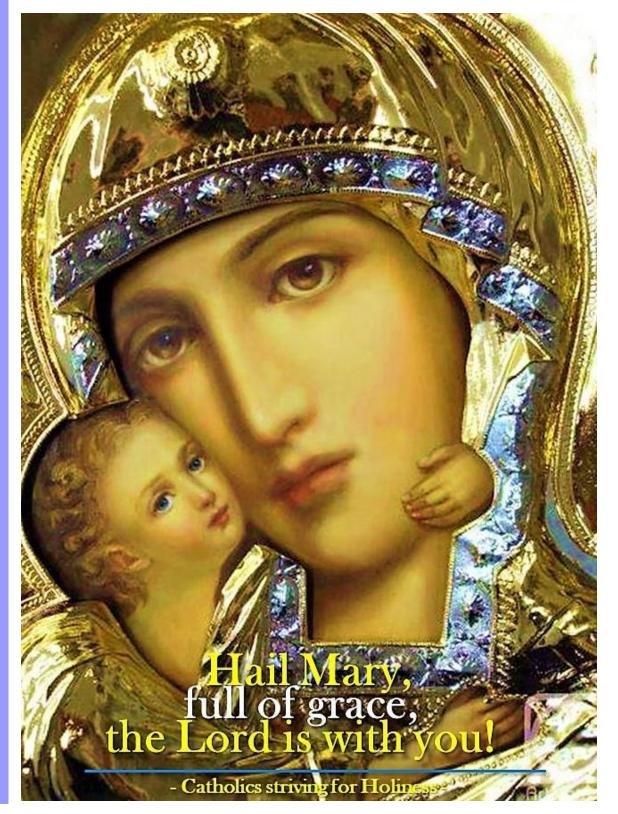
Rosary Saturday 6:35 pm Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm

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#### 117 JUNEAU STREET N. • LYNDON STATION, WI 53944

#### Parish Mission Statement:

The family of St. Mary's of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin is a welcoming community of the Catholic faith united in Catholic tradition and growing in the spirit of Vatican II. We come together at Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations to be nourished so we may respond to the gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We strive as a Christian community and in our personal lives to serve God and all of His people, especially the poor.



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	January 3
5:30 pm	No Mass
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Wednesday, January 4 8:30 am Communion Service

Thursday,	January 5
8:30 am	No Mass
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Friday, January 6 8:30 am Communion Service

Saturday, January 7 7:00 pm †Jan Pasciak By: Josephine Pasciak

Sunday,January 89:00 amParishioner Mass1:00 pm†Rosemary LupoBy: Mary Jean Cauley



# **Upcoming** Events

Decoration Take Down January 8th @2pm

Ladies Sodality Meeting Scheduled for January 12th will be rescheduled for February. Date to be determined.

Prayer Shawl Ministry January 14th @ 10am

Finance Council Meeting January 24th @6:30pm



A New Years Message from Fr. Cryton

## What are our New Year Resolutions?

We are stepping into another New Year. As I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Year, I thank all those who worked hard and supported the parish in our spiritual journey. It is going to be another special year for us as we prepare for the 125 years of St. Mary's Church in the year 2024. I wish and pray, the New year Resolutions given by Gretchen Filz may help all of us, for our New Year and Jubilee preparations.

**1. Increase Your Marian Devotion:** The way to turn back to God is the same way that God came to us—through the Blessed Mother. In the new year, commit yourself to increasing your Marian devotion so that she may lead you to deeper conversion; to a renewed following of God's will for your life; and to an increase of your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. No Catholic list of New Year's resolutions would be complete without a daily rosary added in. If you already pray the rosary daily, that is fantastic. Your resolution can then be to spread devotion to the rosary this year.

**2. Make more time for spiritual reading:** If you want to make progress in your walk with God in the new year, spiritual reading should be high on your list. If you struggle with finding the time to read, make a list of books that you'd like to complete this year and pray that God will show you how you can find the time to read them. Maybe this will mean cutting out TV time or slimming back on unnecessary social activities. The time you spend feeding your soul is time better spent.

**3. Make good stewardship a lifestyle:** This boils down to one key concept in the life of the Christian: practicing good stewardship over the gifts God has given us. Good stewardship means good management of our "time, talent, and treasure" for the greater glory of God. As Jesus warned us in His parables, all of His servants will be judged on how they used the graces he gave them. Do we neglect them and spend them selfishly, or are we generous in building up God's kingdom on earth?

**4. Share your Catholic faith with others:** With so many people far away from God today, the culture is ripe for evangelism. There is a real hunger for God and his Truth. Let's focus on doing simple things, such as being joyful in your walk with Christ and inviting people to come to Mass with you. If someone you know is going through a difficult time and you give them a Miraculous Medal or a prayer card out of a stash you always keep handy, it might be the touch of God that they need in that moment.

**5. Pick a new saint buddy:** Why not take on the tradition of choosing a different Catholic saint as a special patron each year? There are so many of them with unique graces to bestow. Pray about your New Year and the goals you have for your spiritual life, your family, your relationships, your career, etc. Then choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in the New Year, and entrust your year to their special intercession. Perhaps there is a particular saint whom you already admire, but to whom you have never prayed or had a devotion.

#### A Few Announcements,

✤ I will be leaving for my vacation on January 3rd . I will be back on February 3rd . Please see the Bulletin or Notice Board for Mass arrangements.

The prayer chain guide for the parishioners assigned for the month of January have been sent through post. Others will receive their dates in near future.

Those who have not received your contribution envelopes, please collect them from the Vestibule in the church. The envelopes for children and youth too are available. If your name are not in the list, Contact the office and get your number and envelops.

There will be a form to get updated the family details. Please complete the form and return it to the church or mail it to the office.



#### Attention ! All Knitters & Crocheters

We would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry here at St. Mary's. It's a ministry that one can do from your home. Come to a **Meet and Greet** on 'the 2nd Saturday in January (January 14th) at 10am in the church base-

ment. Members from the Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry at Sacred Heart will be here to exchange ideas about the ministry. Would you like to learn how to crochet or knit? Come to the meeting. Please contact Deacon Tom for more information or questions.



As we are getting ready for the 125 years of Jubilee of our present church in the year 2024, the committee for Liturgy and Spiritual Upliftment, has prepared a prayer guide to be prayed throughout the year (2023), as preparation for the Jubilee. Each family has been assigned a particular day or days. Those scheduled throughout the month of January should be receiving their assignments along with the instructions to keep the chain going

#### Prayer Chain Assignment Jan 2nd - 6th

Jan 2 James & Catherine Arens Jan 3 Kathleen Bermeo Jan 4 Mike & Kim Betthauser Jan 5 Kurt & Jill Biederman Jan 6 Bill & Raymonda Blank

## St. Mary Census

As we begin our preparations for our Jubilee Celebration, it is important that we have an accurate data base for our parish family, to be able to communicate the future plans for this celebration. We would appreciate it if each family would complete the short Census Form. This will give us some much needed information so that we can update our data in the computer system.

# Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for making our Christmas celebration so special. Your gifts of time and talent were noticed not only at Christmas time but throughout the year. I look forward to working with all of you in 2023. ~Fr Cryton

## **Prayer for Jubilee Preparation**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the mile stone of 125years of the church dedicated to Mary our mother. We thank you for the tireless toiling of priests, religious and lay faithful for their breath of life into the stones of our church and the lives of our community. As we prepare our hearts, to celebrate the great Jubilee with faith, that it may be the time of grace and mercy. Give us a heart that is humble and simple, a heart that knows how to contemplate in every moment of joy and struggle, like Mary our mother and our patroness. May your holy spirit, inflame our hearts and inspire us to imitate Christ your son to grow in humility and love of our neighbors. May Mary our mother intercedes for us. Amen.

# Did you know/Tour of the Church

Happy New Year Everyone! This year during our Year of Preparation for our Jubilee Year we will be taking a Tour of the Church! We will be pointing out the location of the different statues, stained glass windows and other interesting features.

It is only fitting that we begin our new year and the tour of the church with our Blessed Mother Mary. When you enter the church and look above the Altar you see a beautiful painting of our Blessed Mother Mary in the clouds of heaven. There is a Latin text being held by two angels one on each side of her. The text means: **"Thou art fair, my love; there is no spot on thee."** Or another translation is: **"You are altogether beautiful , my love; there is no flaw in you."** 

Did you know that: The month of Mary is May; The month of the Rosary is October; The Feast of the Immaculate Heart is the Saturday following the second Sunday after Pentecost; The First Saturday of each month is also dedicated to Marian Devotions. I hope you will enjoy learning about Our Church dedicated to Our Blessed Mother! And while you're at it, why not invite someone to Church! **Deacon Tom** 

#### St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Karen & Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Mikey, Lori, Morgan & Alan Gruszka, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Bud Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Francis Senzig, Preston Shields, Jeri Smith, Marion Walsh, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends please...

# Financial <u>Stewardship</u>

December 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$203500
Student Envelopes	\$11.00
Offertory	\$614.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Flowers	\$15.00
Christmas	\$2095.00
Votive Candles	\$114.00
Total	\$4904.00

(153 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date Contributed \$70,337.31

### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00 Total Pledged & Received: \$92,205.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 57.63% Number of Donors: 33

There are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to contribute to the campaign.

Every pledge makes a difference and is truly appreciated!

## Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 7, 7:00 pm

LectorKaren Patton	
ServersKatelyn Browne	
Aron Browne	
UshersDan Patton	
Dennis Franek	
Matt McGowan	
Gift BearersJim Crowley Family	
Musician	

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 am	
Lector	Mick McCormick
Server	Brian Fox
Ushers	Mark Walsh
	Matthew Leja
	Tony Oldings
Gift Bearers	Moore Family
Musician	

Sunday, January 8,	1:00 pm
LectorZac	h Housworth
UshersRoo	dney Senzig



## **Jubilee Preparations**

The Committee for History and Research is asking for your help. If you have any old pictures or articles of St. Mary's that you could share, it would be very helpful in the planning process. All items will be returned to you. Please contact one of the committee members (list found in the church vestibule) or the Parish Office.