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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.

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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

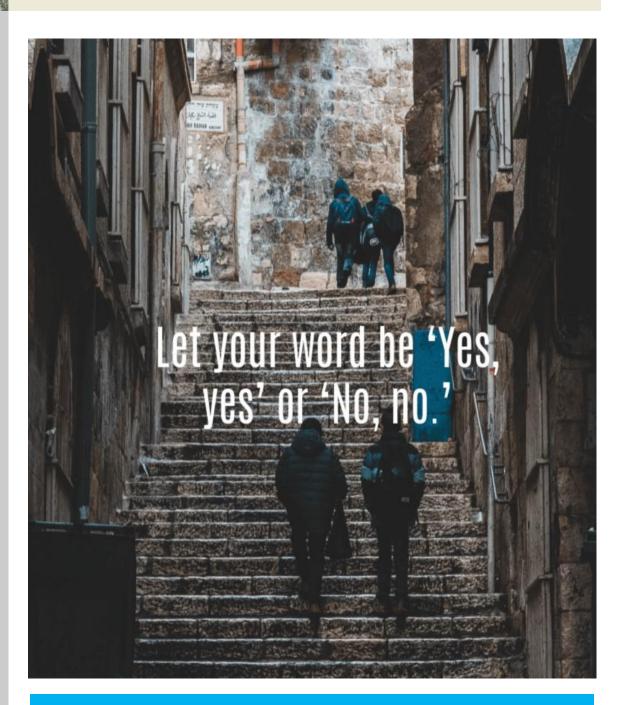
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

#### **Confessions**

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

#### Rosary

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



### But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday,

February 14

5:30 pm

†Gene Delmore By: Betty Delmore

Wednesday, February 15

8:30 am

† Ralph Hamm By: Hamm Family

Thursday,

February 16

8:30 am

Poor Souls in Purgatory By: Dan & Vicki Kohne

Friday, 8:30 am February 17
†Marjorie Senzig

Saturday, 7:00 pm

February 18

†Bob Walsh

By: Bernard Fox†

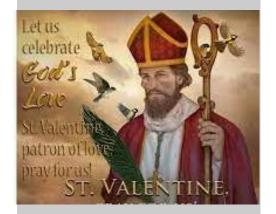
By: Jim & Judy Hall

Sunday,

9:00 am | 1 1:00 pm | 1

February 19

Parishioner Mass Nolan Donnelly By: Terri & David Donnelly



# Upcoming Events

**Jubilee History Meeting** February 15th @ 9am

**Buildings & Grounds Meeting** 

February 21st @ 6:30pm

**Ash Wednesday** 

February 22nd Mass @ 8:30am & 7:15pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

February 28th @ 6:30pm







A Message from Fr. Cryton

The Characteristics of Christ's Teaching

We are in the 6th week of the ordinary time. Even though there are many points being discussed through the liturgy of the word, I highlight on the characteristics of Jesus' teaching today. As we reflect on the teaching methods of our Lord, there are several prominent characteristics which appear repeatedly. Some of them are, 1. Spontaneity 2. Adaptability 3. Selectivity 4. Simplicity 5. Originality 6. Practicality 7. Purpose and Authority.

Let me elaborate on the Characteristic of Authority since the Gospel today highlight the above theme.

**Authority of Scribes & Pharisees:** The 'authority' of the scribes &; Pharisees was substantially different from that of Jesus. Theirs was the authority of prestigious training and position. Jesus was the mere 'son of a carpenter,' in their eyes. The scribes & Pharisees derived their authority from Jewish tradition and from the fact that they reiterated the teachings of the fathers.

**Authority of Jesus:** If we were restricted to only one word by which we could describe the teaching of our Lord, it would be the word 'authority.' Jesus' authority came from the Scriptures. Someone has wisely said that the Scriptures can speak for themselves and do not need our defense. In this, they are like a lion—all we need to do is to turn it loose. Jesus expounded the Scriptures in the light of their original meaning and intent,

and when properly expounded they virtually rang out with authority.

Commenting on Matthew 7:28, Fr. Cornelius a' Lapide gives seven points in which Christ taught with authority:

- 1). He taught important matters of the highest importance and which are necessary for salvation. But the scribes taught trifling matters of rites and ceremonies which were passing away, such as the washing of hands and of cups.
- **2).** What Christ taught in word; he fulfilled in dead. Precisely because he is without sin, our Lord teaches with the greatest authority those things which pertain to holiness and salvation.
- 3). The Lord taught with great spirit and fervor, such that the words of Scripture could always be applied to him, the zeal of thy house hath eaten me up.
- 4). The Savior confirmed his teaching by miracles, which the scribes could not do.
- **5).** The scribes were mere interpreters of the Law, but Christ is the Lawgiver sent from heaven.
- **6).** While the scribes sought their own glory and the praise of men, our Lord taught solely for the glory of God and our salvation.
- **7).** Not only by his words and example, but also by the hidden inspirations of his grace, the good Jesus illuminated the minds and inflamed the hearts of his hearers. Thus, he made the ignorant to become learned, and the wicked to become good.

A Note from Fr. Cryton,

- ❖I am happy to be back. Thanks to everyone who helped in spiritual activities and other works during my absence. A special note of thanks to Deacon Tom and Terri for the office work.
- ❖ A special thanks to everyone for your prayers and wishes for my Birthday. A special note of thanks to Sofia and Mathew Leja for the delicious food prepared for all after Sunday 9.am mass.
- ❖ The families who are assigned for the prayer chain are encouraged to take part in daily mass in an assigned date. I will be praying for the family during mass.
- If the family would like a House Blessing or a special prayer on the assigned date or during the course of the week or month, you may contact me or the office.



Please Remember
Those who have been affected by the earthquakes in
Turkey and Syria.

Don't Forget to turn in your family census sheet.

## Did you know/Tour of the Church

This week and for the next few weeks we will be looking at the different images in the large stained glass window in the middle of the church on "Mary's side" or the side closest to the tracks.

At the top of the window is an image of the letters A and O. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last. Together these two letters form a monogram or symbol for one of the names of Jesus Christ, meaning "the Beginning and the End." The term is found in Revelation 1:8: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Two more times in the book of Revelation we see this name for Jesus: He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. (Revelation 21:6); And "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (Revelation 22:13

This statement by Jesus is critical to Christianity because it clearly means that Jesus existed before creation and will continue to exist for all eternity. He was with God before



anything was created, and therefore, took part in creation. Jesus, like God, was not created. He is eternal. Thus, Alpha and Omega as a Christian symbol signifies the eternal nature of Jesus Christ and God.

I was thinking! A good beginning would be to invite someone to church! **Deacon Tom!** 

# **February Birthdays**

Kendall Biederman Kurt Biederman Gail Bundy Rylee Crowley Thaddeus Czajkowski Abbie Erickson Shane Fitzgerald **Dennis Franek** James Hall Abbie Jo Holig Magdalena Jones Vicki Kohne Don Krogh **Betty Langfelt** Matthew Leja Vicki McGowan Fr Cryton Outschoorn

Your Parish Family asks God's Blessing on all of you!



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.

#### Prayer Chain Assignment Feb 13th - 17th

Feb 13 Richard & Colleen Domke Feb 14 Joseph Jr. & Ardis Doyle Feb 15 Richard & Karen Drea Feb 16 Christine Driessen Feb 17 Derrick & Jami Edwards

#### St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Jeanette Conway, 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... PRAY THE ROSARY!!!

# Financial <u>Stewardship</u>

#### **February 5, 2023**

Adult Envelopes	\$1838.00
Student Envelopes	\$5.00
Offertory	\$787.85
Utilities	\$70.00
Votive Candles	\$41.00
Total	\$3388.46

(153 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date
Contributed \$89,440.46

# Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$95,245.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.53% Number of Donors: 36

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

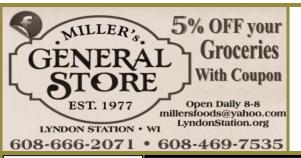
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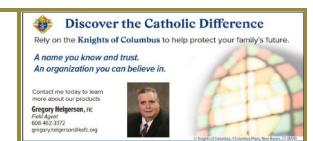
## **Liturgical Roles**

Lector.......Mick McCormick
Server......Karina Strzemecki
.......Amanda Strzemecki
.......Brian Fox
Ushers......Pat Cauley
......Pete Cauley
......Pat Mitchell
Gift Bearers....Pat & Sue Mitchell
Musician...Jade Pusel

Sunday, February 19, 1:00 pm

**Lector**......Marcy Krogh **Ushers**.....Zach Housworth









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## **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.