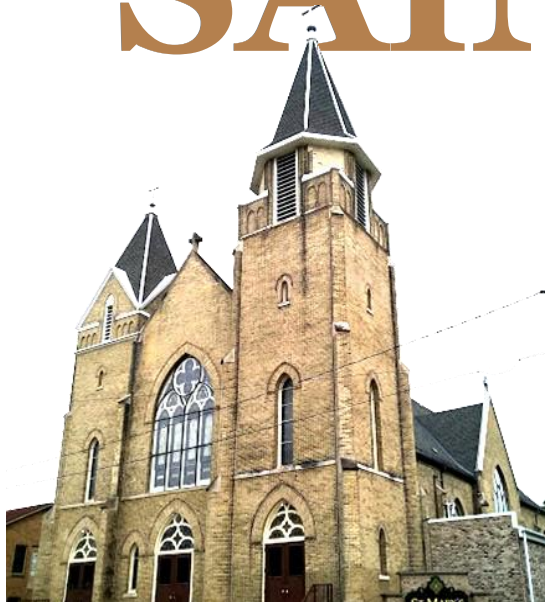


February 5, 2023 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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**

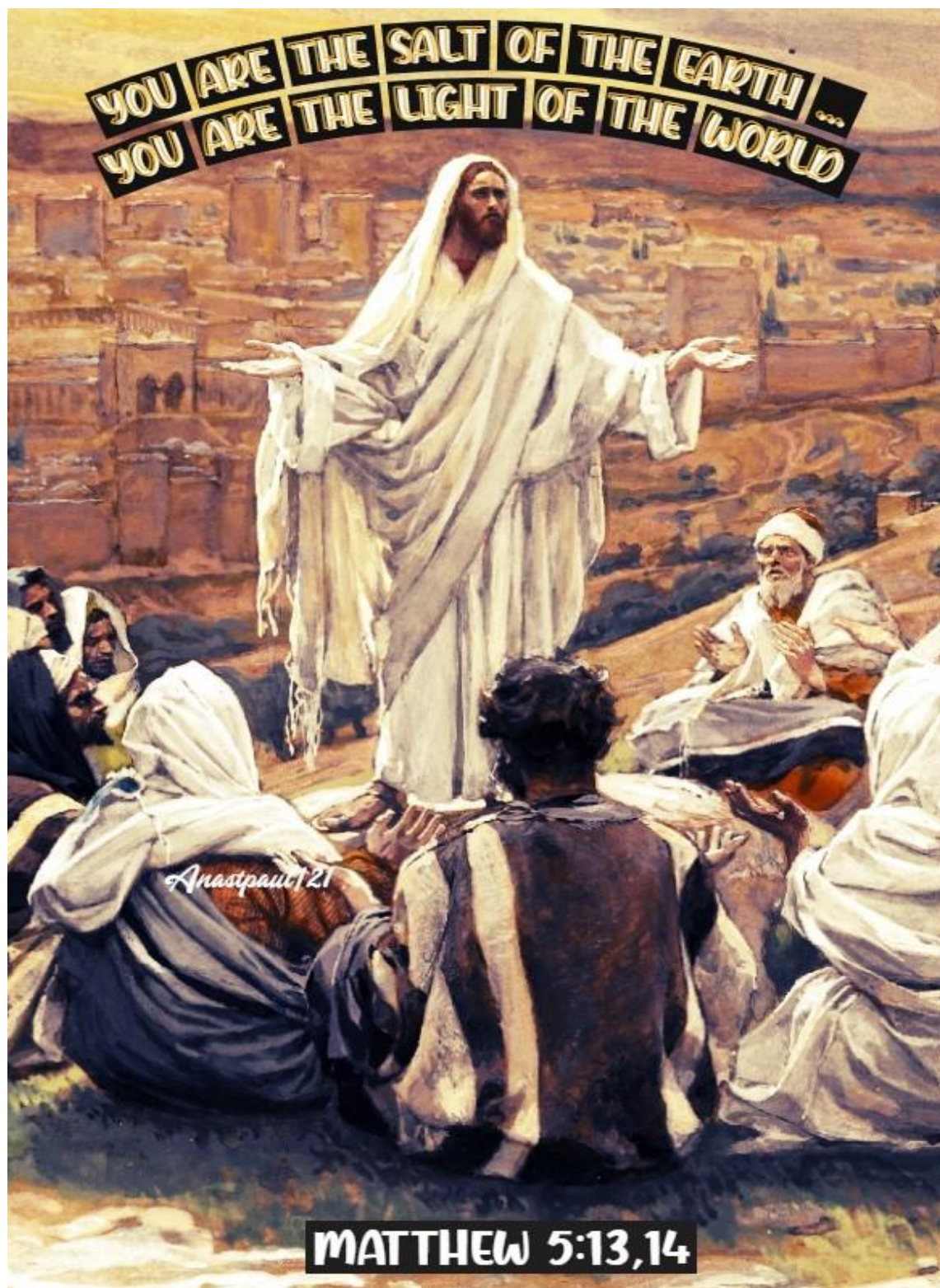
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

#### **Confessions**

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

#### **Rosary**

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



**MATTHEW 5:13,14**

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 7**  
5:30 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory  
By: Angela Dziejwior

**Wednesday, February 8**  
**7:15 pm** † Rosemary Lupo  
By: Lupo Family

**Thursday, February 9**  
8:30 am † William Zenk  
By: Steven & Jane Powers

**Friday, February 10**  
8:30 am Godchildren of John & Angela Dziejwior  
By: Angela Dziejwior

**Saturday, February 11**  
7:00 pm † Jozef Kurowski  
By: Maria Podczerwinska

**Sunday, February 12**  
9:00 am † Joseph Szwab, Maria & Leo Wrobel  
By: Caroline Bush  
1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



## Upcoming Events

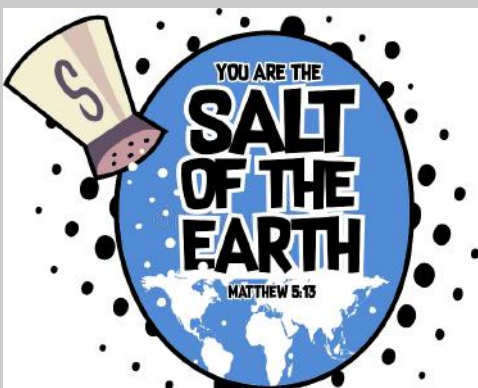
**Fr. Cryton's Birthday**  
February 5th

**Sacred Worship Meeting**  
February 6th @ 6:30pm

**Prayer Shawl Meeting @ Sacred Heart/Reedsburg**  
February 11th @ 10am

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

**Ash Wednesday**  
February 22nd



A Message from Fr. Cryton

## *We are the Light and Salt of the Earth*

*As we are in the 5th week of the ordinary time, we are given the Gospel from Matthew which is the continuation of last Sunday's Gospel, the Beatitude. Jesus uses two familiar images to make his teaching clearer and more meaningful. They are, "salt of the earth" and "light of the world." Let us try to reflect on these two images which we are all familiar with.*

**You are the Salt of the Earth:** *According to Michael Youssef, the value of salt, especially in the ancient world cannot be underestimated. Roman soldiers received their wages in salt. The Greeks considered salt to be divine. The Mosaic Law required that all offerings presented by the Israelites contain salt. (Lev. 2:13) When Jesus told his disciples that they were "the salt of the Earth";, as recorded in Matthew 5:13, they understood the metaphor. While the universal importance of salt is not as readily apparent in our modern world, the mandate that Jesus gave to his first disciples is still relevant and applicable to His followers today.*

**The Characteristics of Salt:** *Theologians have different theories about the meaning of "salt"; in Matthew 5:13. Some think that its whiteness represents the purity of the justified believer. Others say that salt's flavoring properties imply that Christians are to add divine flavor to the world. Still others believe that Christians are to sting the world with rebuke and judgment the way salt stings an open wound. Another group asserts that, as salt, Christians are to create a thirst for Christ. Salt, however, has another vital purpose which is probably what the Lord had in mind-it stops decay. When Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth", He meant that all of His disciples were to serve as preservatives, stopping the moral decay in our sin infected world.*

**You are the Light of the World:** *In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the light of the world"; As "salt";, the Christian is to counteract the power of sin. As "light", we are to illuminate or make visible. Our lives are to be an on-going witness to the reality of Christ's presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important, however to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ Himself, that people will see in us.*

**The Characteristics of Light:** *In Philippians 2:15, the apostle Paul says, "Believers, you are to shine as light in the world". The Greek word used here is very similar to the word for the beacon that a lighthouse emits. That beacon is bright and unmistakable in its purpose. It warns of danger. It directs to safe harbor. It provides hope for those who have lost hope. Every day we are surrounded by people groping around in the darkness, separated from the God who loves them. God uses His children, like beacons from a lighthouse, to show the way to Him.*

A graphic titled "Prayer Chain" showing a chain of red and blue links.

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 6th - 10th**

Feb 6 Thaddeus & Diane Czajkowski  
Feb 7 Betty Delmore  
Feb 8 Robert & Rundi Delmore  
Feb 9 Clay & Ashley DiCiaula  
Feb 10 Rachel Dombroski



Jeff Lankey passed away on January 28th. His funeral mass was held here at St. Mary's on February 4th.

We offer our prayers and condolences to his wife Ann and his family members. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

## Did you know/Tour of the Church

This week let's look at the image just opposite the side doors (on Mary's side of the church). The image has the initials INRI circled by a crown of thorns.

The initials **INRI** stand for: *Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*, which is also translated as *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*.

The **crown of thorns** was more about mockery than it was about pain. Here was the "King of the Jews" being beaten, spit upon, and insulted by presumably low-level Roman soldiers. The crown of thorns was the finalizing of their mockery, taking a symbol of royalty and majesty, a crown, and turning it into something painful and degrading.

There is further symbolism embodied in the crown of thorns. When Adam and Eve sinned, bringing evil and a curse upon the world, part of the curse upon humanity was "...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **thorns** and thistles it shall bring forth for you..." (Genesis 3: 17-18 ). The Roman soldiers unknowingly took an object of the curse and fashioned it into a crown for the one who would deliver us from that curse.



I have "another" way of looking at the initials INRI. When you see those initials above the cross or in our stained glass window hear Jesus say **I Never Regretted It** INRI.

So in closing, you will never regret inviting someone to Church! **Deacon Tom**

## St. Mary's Parish Jubilee History Committee

You are Cordially invited to Mass on Wednesday, February 15th @8:30am  
Followed by Refreshments

&  
A time to Share Memories, Stories, Photos, Written Documents, News Articles & Memorabilia of St. Mary's Parish, The Parish School, St. Bridget's Church, The Parish Cemetery, The Foresters Hall & Any Other Related Historical Data.

Bring along your items and we will attempt to scan or copy them.  
All original items will be returned.

Please RSVP by Calling the Parish Office

If you have items to share but can't attend the meeting, please give Jeanette Crowley a call at 608-547-1350

## 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 Stewardship

January 31, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1401.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$5.00
Offertory.....	\$61.00
Utilities .....	\$12500
Votive Candles.....	\$55.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1859.00</b>

(153 registered families)

### Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed \$86,052.02

### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$95,170.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.48%

Number of Donors: 36

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, February 11, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Joyce Fuller  
Servers.....Katelyn Browne  
.....Aron Browne  
Ushers.....Gary Fuller  
.....Dennis Franek  
.....Matt McGowan  
Gift Bearers.....McGowan Family  
Musician.....Tracey Tolzmann

Sunday, February 12, 9:00 am

Lector.....Christine Kobylski  
Server.....Stella Finucan  
.....Anton Erickson  
.....Mick McCormick  
Ushers.....Tom Guyse  
.....Jim Cauley  
.....Connie Walsh  
Gift Bearers.....Erickson Family  
Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, February 12, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Terri Donnelly  
Ushers.....Rodney Senzig

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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.