October 15, 2023 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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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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Mass Intentions

Tuesday,
5:30 pmOctober 17† George & Jeri Smith
By: Jim & Judy Hall

Wednesday, October 18 8:30 am † Ralph Hamm By: Family

Thursday, October 19 8:30 am † Cyril & Dorothy Heiser

and Cy & Sandy Heiser By: Keith Heiser Friday, October 20

Friday, October 20 8:30 am † Danny Miller By: Pete & Linda

Lochner Saturday, October 21

7:00 pm † Edward & Lidia Miszczyszyn By: George Miszczyszyn Sunday, October 22

9:00 am † Bernadine Walsh By: Mark Walsh 1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



St. Ignatius of Antioch Feast day: October 17th

Upcoming Events

K of C Pancake Breakfast October 15th

Blood Drive Lyndon Station Fire Station October 17th, 12-5pm

Cemetery Committee Mtg October 17th, 3:00 pm

Pilgrimage to Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians October 21st

World Mission Sunday October 22nd



A Message from Fr. Cryton,

The Abundance of God

We are in the 28th Sunday in the ordinary time. We continue to read some beautiful parables. The parable of the wedding feast today, elaborates the abundance of Kingdom of God. Bishop Socrates Villegas in his homily book, Love Like Jesus, by which he invites us to remember three I's in this Sunday's gospel.

Invitation: The first I in today's Sunday gospel reading is Invitation: Our Lord is inviting us to be with Him, to come to Him, to come to His Kingdom which is described like a wedding feast where everyone is with joyful faces and dressed in their best clothes. He invites us to be closed to Him at all times. God is inviting us to be always vibrant or alive, fresh and happy in our spiritual life. He also invites us to take up the spirit of penance in our lives because doing the things above entails a lot of sacrifices; Smile or do everything with joy; Secret or do everything with love that seeks not recognition or vain glory but God's approval.

Indifference: The second I for today's gospel is Indifference: In the parable, one goes to his farm, another to his business. These are necessary and useful occupations. But the truth is we are satisfied with what is good. Those invited guests were not evil ones. They did not do any worst. Any responsible person should attend to his livelihood and to his responsibilities. In the parable, the king was kind by extending a second invitation and stressing its urgency since everything was ready. People chose, however, to live by other priorities. They were indifferent to the invitation of the king of the king who is God Himself. Imagine God Himself is inviting us and then we have the guts to say God: 'No I have other things and priorities to do." Sometimes what keeps us away from the joy of the kingdom is not sin but pre-occupation with the necessities of life; with the 4 Ps (Pride, Power, Pleasure and Problems). Let us have more time with God.

Inappropriate: The third I, is Inappropriate, that is, inappropriately dressed: Maybe this person has a reason to give why he was not wearing wedding dress since he was taken in the street and brought to the wedding banquet due to the urgency of the invitation. Some of us come to Mass also, which is the banquet of the Lord, which are not properly disposed. We are physically present but mentally absent. Instead of concentrating and thinking about God during the celebration of the Mass, our minds are nowhere to be found. We think of other things. How are we in the table of the banquet of the Lord? Are our spirits appropriately prepared for that beautiful banquet that God prepares for us? The insistence also on the wedding dress is a warning to each one of us. We must clothe ourselves in the dress of virtuous living. One way of having a virtuous living is having the **4 GH, that is, Good Head or continue doing the intellectual formation, Good Health or takes care of your own health, Good Hand or do the work properly and Good Heart or have kindness, generosity, love and others for other people.**

As was the case with the wedding guests, we make mistakes in life, not because we do evil things but because we fail to do the most important, that is to heed and come to the lord's invitation for life.

Parish General Meeting & Ministry Informational Session November 5th

Ministry Information Session starts at 5:30 pm in the church Parish General Meeting to follow in the church basement around 6:00 pm

The ministry information session will cover all the duties/responsibilities for lectors, ushers, and communion ministers. Any questions/concerns will be addressed and there will be new information shared. Please make it a priority to attend if you're currently involved with any of these ministries or if you're interested in any of those ministries. This is the opportunity to find out more!

Parish General Meeting will include reports from all the committees of the parish, including finance council. This is an open meeting for any parishioners to attend and also ask questions anyone may have.

Did You Know/Tour of the Church By Deacon Tom

The large candle in the sanctuary is called The Easter or Paschal Candle. In the Church, at the Saturday Vigil before Easter Sunday, a 'new" fire is lit. The candle is then lit from this sacred fire. There are four key symbols on the paschal candle: The five wounds, the cross, the year and the alpha and omega.

The candle represents Christ himself. It symbolizes that Christ has conquered death and sin. The candle is placed by or near the ambo and is lit during the Easter season. It is used at every Baptism and Funeral throughout the year. At Baptism this is to symbolize that they have been filled with the light of Christ. At a Funeral this is to show that the deceased is joined with Christ in the resurrected life. If you are wondering, the word Paschal means: "of or relating to Easter".





Congratulations Cole Kobylski and Hannah Gavin on their wedding! They were married on Saturday, September 16th. *May Christ's peace, love, and joy always enrich your marriage!*

Congratulations to Jeff & Janet Wojcik on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 12th!

May God bless your marriage with many more years of health, prosperity, and bliss!



All Souls' Day Mass - Thursday, November 2nd 5:30 pm

There will be a special Mass remembering those who have died this past year (since All Souls' Day 2022). At this Mass the names of the deceased will be read and family members will light a candle which will burn at all the weekend Masses for the month of November. If you would like to include an immediate family member (even if they weren't a member of St. Mary's), please drop off or email the parish office a picture of your loved one to be on display for the month of November, by October 22nd. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

Blood Drive Tuesday, Oct. 17th 12-5 pm @ the Lyndon Station Fire Station Go to https://www.redcrossblood.org/ give.html/donation-time or call 1-800-733-2767 to sign-up to donate!

Pancake Breakfast! <u>October 15th</u> after the 9 am Mass

Make sure to come eat some delicious pancakes at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in St. Mary's church hall! Free will offering

Holy Hill Pilgrimage

On **Saturday, October 21st** we will be carpooling to Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Hubertus, Wisconsin. We will be leaving at 8:00 am from St. Mary's Church and returning around 5:30 pm. If you are planning on attending, you may sign up in the vestibule. If you have any questions, you can contact Carol Cauley (608)963-0588 or Linda Lochner (847)867-4941.

Get Ready to Set Your "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" for World Mission Sunday!

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis's compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

Please use the attached envelope for your donation. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Parish and will be forwarded with one check.

We were made aware of a person pretending to be Fr. Cryton asking through text messages for assistance of money (in the form of gift cards) for a family in need. This is a scam. Please ignore any such request! Please note, Fr. Cryton's phone number is 608-386-7378 as listed on the cover of the bulletin.

Parish Directory group pictures: Sacred Worship, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Jubilee Committees Next Sunday, October 22nd after the 9 am Mass

Financial <u>Stewardship</u>

October 8, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2243.00
Student Envelopes	\$2.00
Offertory	\$865.30
Votive Candles	\$87.50
Total	\$3197.80

(156 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date Contributed.....\$41,266.93

Prayer Chain Assignments this Week:

October 16	Tom & Sheri Guyse
October 17	Larry & Margo Hadac
October 18	James & Adela Hagen
October 19	Deacon Tom & Sandy
	Hale
October 20	Ben Hall

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 21, 7:00 pm	
Lector	Karen Patton
EMC	Karen Patton
Servers	Stella Finucan
•••••	Beckett Finucan
Ushers	Dan Patton
•••••	Dan McGowan
•••••	Dennis Franek
Gift BearersJim	& Vicki McGowan
Musician	Heidi Finucan

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 am

Lector	Sheri Guyse
EMC	Sheri Guyse
Servers	Larry Mueller
	Nicole Dethloff
•••••	Brian Fox
Ushers	Tom Kowalke
•••••	Erik Zielinski
	Mark Walsh
•••••	Matt Leja
Gift Bearers	•
Musician	Jade Pusel

Sunday, October 22, 1:00 pm

Lector	Terri Donnelly
EMC	Terri Donnelly
Usher	

