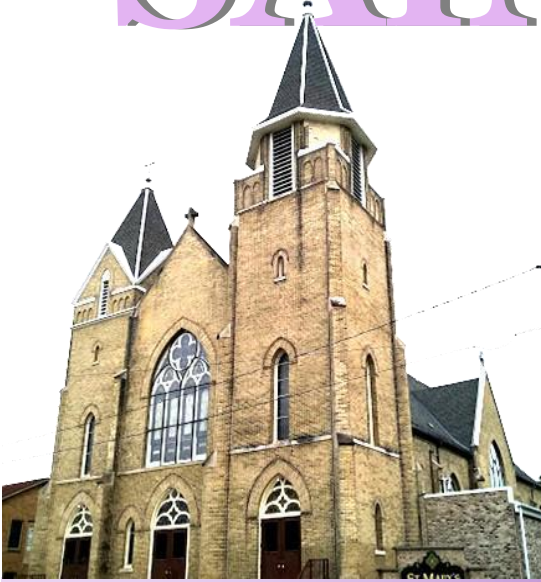


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The family of St. Mary's of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin is a welcoming community of the Catholic faith united in Catholic tradition and growing in the spirit of Vatican II. We come together at Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations to be nourished so 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"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,
of his kingdom there will be no
end."

Lk 1:31-33

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25

9:00 am † Don Rogge
By: Pat Rogge

1:00 pm † Allan Hale
By: Pete & Linda
Lochner

Tuesday, December 26

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 am † Bob Walsh
By: Mark Walsh

Thursday, December 28

8:30 am † Eugene Fitzgerald
By: Dan & Vicki Kohne

Friday, December 29

8:30 am † Mary Lou Przybyl
By: Lynn Novak

Saturday, December 30

7:00 pm † Joseph Szwab
By: Stella Szwab

Sunday, December 31

9:00 am Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm † Holly Halada
Schmidt
By: Jim & Vicki
McGowan



Upcoming Events

Christmas Masses

Dec. 24th - 7:00 pm

Dec. 25th - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Not a holy day of obligation this year)

Mass on January 1st - 9:00 am

Ladies Sodality Meeting

January 4th @ 1:00 pm

Fr. Cryton on Vacation

January 8th-February 9th

Taking Down the Christmas Environment

January 11th @ 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

February 22nd @ 6:30 pm

A Message from Fr. Cryton

Role of Mary at Christmas

Among the many characters in Christmas scene, Mary plays a vital role. Mary's unreserved and uncompromising "YES" (Fiat) in her conversation with the angel Gabriel became fruitful through the following gestures explained by Fr. Gerald Mauka. Let these gestures be the tools and lessons for us to celebrate Christmas meaningfully.

(1) MARY LISTENS AND PRAYS: God, as of the days of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (Gen 3:8), still speaks to us every second and every minute in various ways, but oftentimes, we might form too busy to pay attention and hear God speak to us. Paul VI says of silence, "Of all human activities, man's listening to God is the Supreme act of his reasoning and will." "Silence is the beginning of prayer", says Mother Teresa. So, this great virtue of listening took place at prayer. We live in a noisy neighborhood that is too busy to listen to the promptings of the conscience; and more still, too busy to listen to one another, especially, the aged, the sick, those troubled by anxiety and worries-just give them some time.

May we learn from Mary today, how to prayerfully listen to God and our environment.

(2) MARY BELIEVES: The unflinching faith of Mary was outstanding in consolidating her key role in the work of Salvation. She had great convictions that the righteous cannot please God with unbelief (Heb 11:6). She was humble in faith that she first believes and only then reasons upon that to which she had already acceded to, "Let it be done to me according to your word" Even her kinswoman, Elizabeth's conception, "Know that Elizabeth your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age; she who was thought to be sterile is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible with God," (vv. 36-37, was accorded a great "YES" (Fiat) gesture, despite Elizabeth's slim and impossible state of conceiving at old age.

Mary's faith is ever active and hence she does not only accept the divine truth but dwell upon it, use it and develop it. Her faith is ever active and hence she says, "I am the handmaid of the Lord"

(3) MARY OBEYS: "Obedience is better than sacrifice" (1Sam 15:22), was perfectly actualized in the life of Mary. For St Augustine, "Obedience is in a way the mother of all virtues." Mary's obedience is risk-taking when she says, "Let it be done to me according to your word," (v. 38). Her obedience is loving. She loves God and hence trusts in Him and obeys. She kept on saying, 'YES' to God, even when it pains until the end of her earthly life to be the Mother of God. Our God loves and values obedience, that is why Mary's Fiat was rewarded with "overshadowing" of the Holy Spirit, whereas, Adams's and Saul's disobedience brought departure of God's presence in their lives (Ge. 3:6; 1 Sam 16:14)

Our divine Master knows what is best for us, and obey his commands, and in due time we will know and understand. Mary understood this and obeyed God in all humility with her unequivocal "YES."

May the Spirit of Christmas bring you and your family, Hope, Happiness & Love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL



Mass times for Christmas @ St. Mary's are as follows:

Vigil Mass - Sunday, Dec. 24th @ 7:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 25th @ 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Mass time for Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st @ 9:00 am

(not a holy day of obligation this year)

Fr. Cryton will be on vacation from January 8th-February 9th. There will be the regular weekend Masses with visiting priests, but no weekday Masses. Wednesday-Fridays during this time Deacon Tom will be having a communion service at 8:30 am. Fr. Jey from St. Patrick's in Mauston will fill-in as needed. Contact the parish office with any needs that arise and pray for safe travels, great family time, and relaxation for Fr. Cryton!



Christmas Flower Memorials

In Memory Of:

Brady Family, Garcia-Garvarette Family, Dethloff Family, & Kraus Family

Emily Weyers, Gerhard Kolb, Tim Weyers

John Hall; Martin & Mary Mitchell; Clarence & Rose Hall (Sr.)

Edward & Mary Scully, Buzz & Audrey Scott

Czajkowski & Sikora Families

Charles & Catherine Hall Family; Elizabeth, Charles, Robert & Families

Bertha Klitzke

Hall & Mitchell Families

Deceased Rhyner & Rogge Families

Donovan Family & Hall Family

Cauley and O'Donnell Families

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Bill & Mary Paalman; Daryl Driessen

Bob & Joan Koscal; Anna Mae Koscal

Ronald Dombroski; Sophie Marusin; Barbara Marusin

Gene & Donna Fitzgerald

Don Rogge & Families

Joseph Szwab

Joseph Jan Kurowski

Drea & Mauch Families

Cauley/Lochner Families

Deceased Crowley & Howley Family Members

Relatives & Friend

Hall & Novak Families

James Nate

Mike, Mary & Patty Coughlin



By:

Bob & Fran Dethloff Family

Tom & Debbie Weyers

Rita Hall Family

Steve & Judy Scott

Caroline Bush & Family

Betty Langenfeld

Nataline Kranz

Jay & Wendy Rhyner

Jim & Judy Hall

Jim & Carol Cauley

The Family

Christine Driessen

Christine Driessen

Rachel Dombroski

Fitzgerald Family

Pat Rogge

Stella Szwab

Albina Kurowska

Rich & Karen Drea

Pete & Linda Lochner

Leo & Jeanette Crowley

Mary Jean Cauley

Lynn Novak

Linda & Mary Jane Nate

Coughlin Family

“A heart-felt thank you from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to St. Mary Parish for your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. Your response to Pope Francis’ call to have our “Hearts on Fire, feet on the move” gives witness to your commitment to Christ and His teachings. We will forward your financial contribution of \$1,148.00 to our national office. The collected funds will assist in spreading God’s message of hope and peace to the poor, those suffering persecution for their faith, and those who are yet to experience the redeeming power of the Gospel.”

St. Mary’s Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Lizzie Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, MV, 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!!!**



Assistant Secretary Position Available at St. Mary’s

Office position available for 5-10 hours per week. Duties will include, but not be limited to: bulletin production, Data entry, Ministry Schedule and Cemetery record keeping. Please contact Fr. Cryton at the office for more information or to apply for the position. Salary dependent on experience.

Financial Stewardship

December 17th, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2742.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Offertory.....	\$840.00
Holy Days.....	\$257.00
<u>Votive Candles.....</u>	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total	\$3,879.00

(156 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$69,978.41

Prayer Chain Assignments this Week:

December 25	Pat & Sue Mitchell
December 26	Mike & Charlene Molitor
December 27	Mark Moore & Kathryn Heitman
December 28	Larry & Teri Mueller
December 29	Linda Nate

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 30, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Paul Zajackowski
EMC.....	Fran Dethloff
Servers.....	Stella Finucan
.....	Beckett Finucan
Ushers.....	Dan McGowan
.....	Dennis Franek
.....	Jasan Franek
Gift Bearers.....	Jim Crowley Family
Musician.....	Heidi Finucan

Sunday, December 31, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Christine Kobylski
EMC.....	Carol Cauley
Servers.....	Anton Erickson
.....	Nellie Jo Erickson
.....	Brian Fox
Ushers.....	Matt Leja
.....	Tony Oldigs
.....	Earl Verette
.....	Tom Guyse
Gift Bearers.....	Erickson Family
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, December 31

Lector.....	Zach Housworth
EMC.....	Zach Housworth
Usher.....	Rodney Senzig

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Servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, CCD teachers, the ladies that take care of the altar & flowers, Musicians, Choir, Dennis (our maintenance man), and everyone that helps keep St. Mary's a special Parish!

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Let's take a look at the meaning of the Advent Wreath and Candles! (Part 4 of 4)

Traditionally, the Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. It is often decorated with berries and pinecones. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape symbolize the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. The Advent wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ candle."

The third week's candle is called the "Angel's Candle" and represents Love. During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

