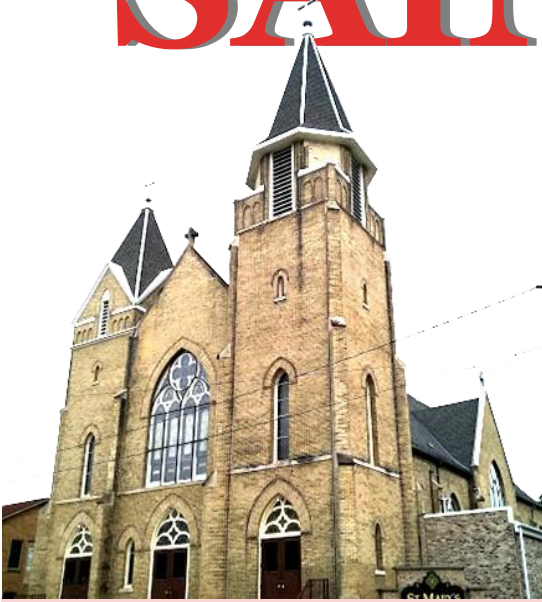


December 31, 2023

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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Mass Intentions

- Monday, January 1**
9:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
By: Angela Dziewior
- Tuesday, January 2**
5:30 pm † Walter Postava
By: Rita Hall
- Wednesday, January 3**
8:30 am † John "Jack" Smart
By: Ken & Mary Jo Engevoid
- Thursday, January 4**
8:30 am † Gene Delmore
By: Betty Delmore
- Friday, January 5**
8:30 am Jennifer Sparby
By: Sauter Sisters
- Saturday, January 6**
7:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory
By: Angela Dziewior
- Sunday, January 7**
9:00 am † Marion Walsh
By: Pete & Linda Lochner
- 1:00 pm Parishioner Mass

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

*"The gate of heaven
is very low;
only the humble
can enter it."*

Feast Day:
January 4th



Upcoming Events

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Not a holy day of obligation this year)

Mass on January 1st - 9:00 am

Blessing of Mary Statue in Church Vestibule

January 7th After 9 am Mass

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

The Family as a Communion of Love

Reflection from "My Catholic Life!"

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:39-40](#) (Gospel Year B)

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You.



Thank you to all who helped
decorate St. Mary's for Christmas!



Christmas Flower Memorial
In memory of Jeffrey Lankey
by Ann Lankey

We apologize this was missed in last week's bulletin!

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

Monday, January 1st
@ 9:00 am



St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Mary Crowley, 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!!!**



Discounted Tickets now on Sale! "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally June 7, 2024

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This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person until February 29th. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



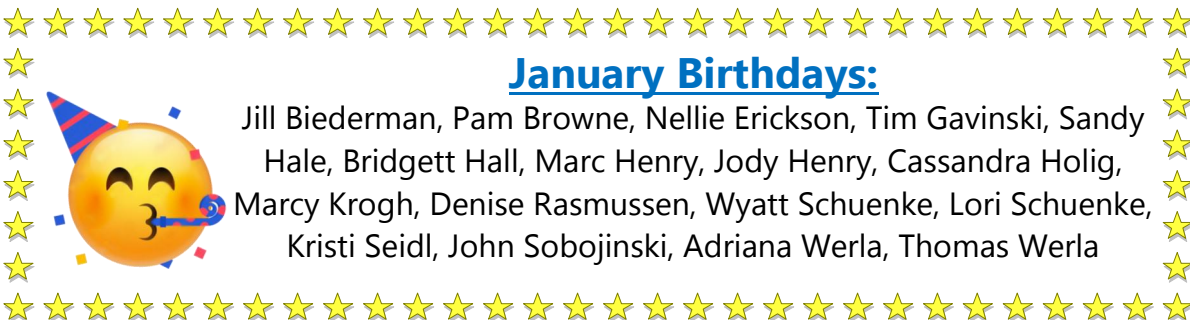
Assistant Secretary Position Available at St. Mary's

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.

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!

January Birthdays:

Jill Biederman, Pam Browne, Nellie Erickson, Tim Gavinski, Sandy Hale, Bridgett Hall, Marc Henry, Jody Henry, Cassandra Holig, Marcy Krogh, Denise Rasmussen, Wyatt Schuenke, Lori Schuenke, Kristi Seidl, John Sobojinski, Adriana Werla, Thomas Werla



Financial Stewardship

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2023**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1607.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$2.00
Offertory.....	\$414.00
Holy Days.....	\$43.00
<u>Votive Candles.....</u>	<u>\$119.75</u>
Total	\$2185.75

**Christmas
December 24th & 25th**

Adult Envelopes.....	2104.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$3.00
Offertory.....	\$513.00
<u>Christmas Envelopes.....</u>	<u>\$2,561.00</u>
Total	\$5181.00

(156 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....	\$75,159.41
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Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 6, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Joyce Fuller
EMC.....	Joyce Fuller
Servers.....	Katelyn Browne
	Aron Browne
Ushers.....	Dan McGowan
	Dennis Franek
	Jasan Franek
Gift Bearers.....	Jim & Vicki McGowan
Musician.....	

Sunday, January 7, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Sheri Guyse
EMC.....	Sheri Guyse
Servers.....	Larry Mueller
	Nicole Dethloff
	Brian Fox
Ushers.....	Jim Cauley
	Craig Kobylski
	Connie Walsh
	Pat Cauley
Gift Bearers.....	Kevin Heimerl
	Kristi Seidl
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, January 7, 1:00 pm

Lector.....	Terri Donnelly
EMC.....	Terri Donnelly
Usher.....	Rodney Senzig

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We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who helps at St. Mary's! Deacon Tom, servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, CCD teachers, the Ladies Sodality, Knights of Columbus, church decorators, all committee members, musicians, choir, Dennis Franek, and everyone that helps keep St. Mary's a special Parish!

We wish you all a very prosperous and happy New Year!