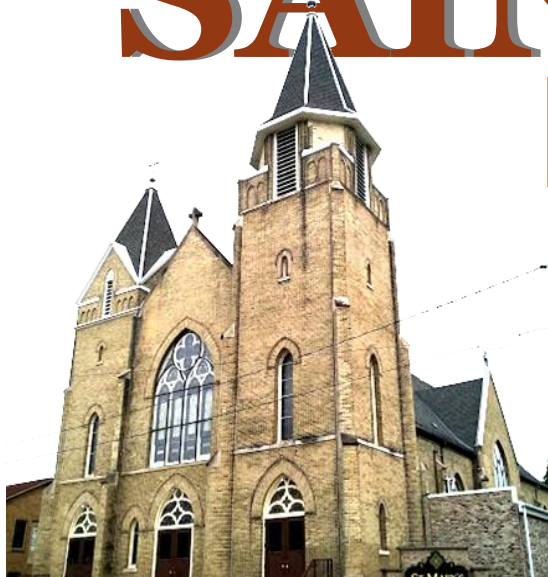


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The family of St. Mary's of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin is a welcoming community of the Catholic faith united in Catholic tradition and growing in the spirit of Vatican II. We come together at Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations to be nourished so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

January 7, 2024 - The Epiphany of the Lord



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Communion Service with Deacon Tom

Weekdays (starting January 17th)

Wednesday-Friday 8:30-9:00am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 9
NO MASS OR
COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, January 10
NO MASS OR
COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, January 11
NO MASS OR
COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, January 12
NO MASS OR
COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, January 13
7:00 pm † Anna McGowan
By: McGowan Family

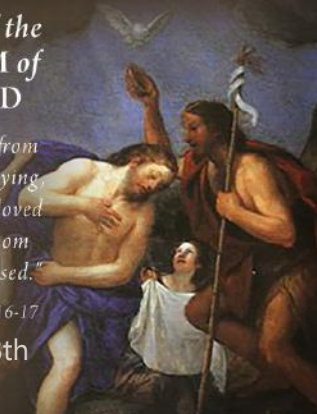
Sunday, January 14
9:00 am Parishioner Mass
1:00 pm † Roseann Pecore
By: Dennis Pecore

FEAST of the BAPTISM of the LORD

*A voice came from
the heavens, saying
"This is my beloved
Son, with whom
I am well pleased."*

– St. Matthew 3:16-17

January 8th



Upcoming Events

**Blessing of Mary Statue in
Church Vestibule**
January 7th After 9 am Mass

Fr. Cryton on Vacation
January 8th-February 9th

**Taking Down the Christmas
Environment**
January 11th @ 6:30 pm

**Prayer Shawl Ministry
Meeting @ St. Mary's**
January 13th @ 10:00 am

Pastoral Council Meeting
February 22nd @ 6:30 pm

Finance Council Meeting
March 12th @ 6:30 pm

Prayer for the New Year

Eternal God,

You gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life.
In this new year, help us to use it wisely.
May we grow in generosity, kindness and
forgiveness, hope, faith, and charity.

Amen.

A message from Fr. Cryton

Lessons from three wise men

We are in the first weekend of the new year (2024) & we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany. The story of the magi is a story of the ways in which God reveals Himself, and even more about the different responses which His revelation receives. There are numerous "manifestations," or "epiphanies," of God – in our lives as well as in both the Old and new Testaments. Let us learn some lessons from this special day explained by Rebecca.

Jesus is the King of kings: One of the gifts that the wise men give to Jesus is gold. Gold represents kingship, and suggests that the wise men are recognizing Jesus as royalty. They are seeking the one who is born "king of the Jews". And not only that, but Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Jesus is worthy of worship and praise: Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. Incense was burned at the altar in the Jewish Temple as part of the sacrificial system, and it is often used in liturgical worship in traditional churches today. The gift of frankincense represents Jesus' divinity, and suggests that he is worthy of our worship and praise.

Jesus' death was foretold and was part of God's plan: Myrrh is a fragrance that was used to prepare dead bodies for burial. The wise men's gift of myrrh tells us that Jesus' death was foretold ahead of time and that it was always a part of God's plan. Myrrh also represents Jesus' humanity (because he was human, he could die).

Pay attention to your surroundings: The wise men were able to find Jesus because they were paying attention to their surroundings. They knew about the prophecy of a coming king and they were watching for his star. God speaks through many different avenues: through His Word, through the prophets, through those around us, through nature, and through our circumstances. When we keep our eyes and our ears open, we are able to hear God's promptings through our surroundings.

Cultivate spiritual discernment: Thousands of people saw the star appear above Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth, but it was only the wise men who recognized it as a sign from God. When we cultivate spiritual discernment (which is the ability to judge well), we are better able to recognize God's voice when we hear it. When we cultivate spiritual discernment, we are able to separate good from evil, truth from falsehood, and wisdom from foolishness.

Keep seeking: The wise men had to keep seeking after an initial disappointment looking for Jesus in the place. This is true with us too. As with the wise men, we may often come to a place where we expect God to show up only to find him not there (as with prayers that seem to go unanswered, for example). Our job is to not give up when this happens, but to keep seeking. Often, we find God in places that we don't expect.

St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Mary Crowley, Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhurst, 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!!!](#)



Saint Philomena Mass - Wednesday, January 10th St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Briggsville

Eucharistic Adoration at 9:30 a.m. with Mass following at
11:00 am

Free will lunch offering to follow





New Statue of Our Lady at St. Mary's
 History of the statue: It resided in the original St. Bridget's church out where the current St. Mary's cemetery is located, in Seven Mile Creek Township. A new church was built in the Village of Lyndon Station in 1863 also named St. Bridget's. The church at the cemetery was removed and it is assumed the statue wasn't moved to the new church in town due to its poor condition. It is unknown who rescued the statue before it was passed down to Mary Ellen (Green) & Edward J. Walsh. They kept it in their home on a pedestal next to her rocking chair and a small table where she kept her rosary and prayer book. Mary Ellen passed away in 1982, after which it was passed down to her granddaughter and husband, Raymonda (Walsh) & William Blank. The statue has resided in the home since then and they had it refurbished by Ruth Gamerdinger from Elroy, WI between 2000 and 2005. The Blank family donated the statue back to St. Mary's in 2023.

Thank you to the Blank Family for the donation of the statue and Pete Lochner for adding the shelf in which the statue is placed in the vestibule!

Financial Stewardship

December 31, 2023 & Jan. 1st

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1638.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$3.00
Offertory.....	\$934.25
Votive candles.....	\$49.50
Holy Days.....	\$335.00
Total	\$2,959.75

(156 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....	\$78,119.16
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Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal:	\$160,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$95,820.00
Percent of Goal Pledged:	59.89%
Number of Donors:	36

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$20,100.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$9,160.00
Percent of Goal Pledged:	45.57%
Number of Donors:	40

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

Every gift makes a difference and is truly appreciated!

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 13, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Katelyn Browne
EMC.....	needed
Servers.....	Aron Browne
Ushers.....	Jim Arens
.....	Gary Fuller
.....	Jim McGowan
Gift Bearers.....	McGowan Family
Musician.....	

Sunday, January 14, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Ken Engevold
EMC.....	Ken Engevold
Servers.....	Anton Erickson
.....	Nellie Jo Erickson
.....	Brian Fox
Ushers.....	Pete Cauley
.....	Tom Kowalke
.....	Mark Walsh
.....	Matt Leja
Gift Bearers.....	John & Joan Burch
Musician.....	

Sunday, January 14, 1:00 pm

Lector.....	Rochelle Crowley
EMC.....	Zach Housworth
Usher.....	Zach Housworth

Please come help take down the Christmas environment in church this Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm

Can you help?

January Wedding Anniversaries

**Marc & Jody Henry
Cory & Cassandra Holig**

Happy Anniversary!

We'll be listing wedding anniversaries in the start of the respective month bulletins. If you don't see yours, please contact the parish office to update our records. Thank you!

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to pick up your 2024 contribution envelopes. If you see a box that belongs to a family that has a hard time getting to church please make a point of dropping their envelopes off to them. If you would like envelopes please contact the parish office at 608-666-2421 or email office@stmlys.diocparish.com

Don't FORGET!

Also, your 2023 contribution statements will be available for pick up at the end of the month. Please take a moment to do this so we can save the postage to mail them.

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. Starting January 18th Wednesdays-Fridays Deacon Tom will be having a communion service at 8:30 am. January 17th Deacon will have a communion service at 7:15 pm which will include the CCD students.

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!

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June 7, 2024

La Crosse Center in La Crosse

Your whole life, you have been looking for the answer to the meaning of life, your purpose, your dreams, and your difficulties. We have been given the ANSWER to all of it. This Rally will give you the opportunity to connect more deeply with Jesus, who is the Answer!

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/>

