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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.

# February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

-Mark 1:15



#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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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\*

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

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	February 20	
5:30 pm	Joan Brown	
Wednesday, February 21		
8:30 am	† Pete & Bernice	
	Drozdowski	
	By: Zofia & Matt Leja	
Thursday,	February 22	
8:30 am	† Marion Walsh	
	By: Rita Hall	
Friday		
Friday,	February 23	
8:30 am	† Colonel Jack	
	Wagner	
	By: McGowan Family	
Saturday,	February 24	
7:00 pm	† Edward & Lidia	
	Miszczyszyn	
	By: George	
	Miszczyszyn	
Sunday,	February 25	
9:00 am	Parishioner Mass	
1:00 pm	† Jeff Lankey	
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# **Upcoming Events**

Pastoral Council Meeting February 29th @ 6:30 pm

Naming the Basement & Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast March 10th

> Finance Council Meeting March 12th @ 6:30 pm

> Ladies Sodality Meeting March 14th @ 1:00 pm

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting March 18th @ 6:30 pm



Join us every Friday of Lent after the 8:30 am Mass for Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Cryton

#### A Message from Fr. Cryton,

#### LENT – A Season to Reform Ourselves

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. Lent is a 40-day period which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the celebration of the Paschal Triduum excluding Sundays. The first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to reflect on the urgency of the call for repentance. This is also a time to reform ourselves. Let me share some thoughts from Fr Paul Foulon, in his homily book, from 'Spring to Life', for this beautiful season of Lent.

**Authoritarianism**: whoever holds power is tempted to impose his ideas, whoever holds the purse likes to have his wish obeyed and whoever has more learning is inclined to tell others what to do.

**False prophets**: We meet them everywhere today in TV talk shows, gossips columns, advertising, politics and religion. They may rely on their popularity, beauty or learning to sell a message that induces people to vote for the wrong candidate, buy an overrated product or believe some religious ideas which are not in line with Jesus' teachings.

**Dishonesty**: We easily excuse a white lie in order to escape from embarrassment and yet it is still a lie. But small lies are evils which slowly erode our integrity and many other wild beasts. We end up with one basic rule: don't be caught.

**Fear:** Jesus often advised His disciples not to fear. Fear is the great paralyzer of what is good and right, prevents us from speaking the truths, limits the use of our talents, restrains us from extending a helping hand and so on.

**Greed**: The inordinate desire for more wealth. Many societal problems have their root in greed like: wars, pollution, deforestation, drugs, smuggling, crime and cheating in business or election. Yet contentment comes not from wealth but by simple wants.

**Indifference**: This has showered so many good initiatives. Like for example, children complain that mistakes get a quick response but good behavior or acts are not acknowledged. It is regrettable that we live in a society in which people receive little encouragement.

**Traditional Catholics:** So many of us cannot be touched or impenetrable by the living Word of God;

**Loyalty to wrong people**: This loyalty can be to a fraternity, a politician, a godfather, a preacher of a fundamentalist or extremist ideas that leads us to destruction. It often means to surrender our sense of responsibility to a person who has none.

**The other is always at fault**: There are people who always know whom to blame when things go wrong. We fail to see that we have personal responsibility for much that goes wrong in our lives.

*Let us face these evils and sins in our lives and do something about them. Let us set aside a desert place and time to be alone with God in the midst of our crowded and hectic life.* 

*Let us* be aware, we need a desert place to be able to listen to His guiding voice and rediscover who we are.

Let us reform our lives.

### Healing Mass & Service at Sacred Heart Church, Cashton, WI

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on March 4th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions and confessions. Holy Mass at 5:30pm, followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

#### Greg Gnirk Benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm American Legion (402 Franklin St Elroy, WI)

Free Will Offering. Silent Auction starts at 5 pm & ends at 7 pm. Proceeds go to offset expenses occurred due to Greg Gnirk's battle with cancer.

Donations of funds or Gift Baskets Email: <u>ggnirkbenefit@gmail.com</u> "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Hebrews 6:10



### 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, 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... <u>PRAY THE ROSARY</u>!!!

### Additional Confession times at St. Mary's during Lent:

Wednesday-Fridays 8:00 am - 8:20 am during exposition of the blessed Sacrament before morning Mass

Tuesdays @ 5:00 pm & Saturdays @ 6:00 pm will remain the same during Lent @ St. Mary's

### For the sick and homebound:

If you would like to receive communion and/or wish for confession, please call the parish office @ 608-666-2421.



# Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

#### "the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally Tickets are now on sale!

The time has come to say "Yes!" to this life-changing event held on June 7, 2024, at the La Crosse Center. Discounted tickets are now available for pur-

chase. Please check out the official website for all the detailed information, including the link to purchase online tickets <a href="https://diolc.org/the-answer/">https://diolc.org/the-answer/</a> or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code on the right.



#### A Recommended Movie to Watch during Lent

"Based on a remarkable true story, *Ordinary Angels* centers on Sharon (played by Hilary Swank), a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed, a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles and ordinary angels." Movie will premier in theaters February 23rd and is rated PG. Find out more and watch the trailer at <u>https://ordinaryangels.movie/</u>



### Welcome to the Catholic Church Regis Elle Hauck-Mills!

Regis was baptized last Saturday, February 10th. Here she is pictured with her parents Kyle and Leah Hauck-Mills, Aunt Erin Hauck, and Grandmother Crystal Chamberlain-Hauck

Lenten Materials Available for You in the Vestibule: The Word Among Us Magazine & Rice Bowls/Mite boxes

# <u>Financial Stewardship</u>

### February 11, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1864.00
Student Envelopes	\$4.00
Offertory	\$603.00
Votive candles	\$41.00
Holy Days	\$15.00
Utility Envelopes	\$200.00
Total	\$2727.00

(158 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date Contributed......\$96,497.66

### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00 Total Pledged & Received: \$95,970.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.98% Number of Donors: 36

#### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$20,100.00 Total Pledged & Received: \$10,530.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 52.39% Number of Donors: 48

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

#### Every gift makes a difference and is truly appreciated!

# <u>Liturgical Roles</u>

Saturday, February 24, 7:00 pm

Lector	Paul Zajackowski
EMC	Joyce Fuller
Servers	Katelyn Browne
	Aron Browne
Ushers	Matt McGowan
	Dan McGowan
••••••	Dennis Franek
Gift Bearers	McGowan Family
Musician	Heidi Finucan

#### Sunday, February 25, 9:00 am

LectorMic	k McCormick
EMC	Ken Engevold
(	Carol Cauley
Servers	Karina
Amanda & Kara	ol Strzemecki
Ushers	Pat Cauley
	.Pete Cauley
	.Earl Verette
	Jim Cauley
Gift BearersJohn	& Joan Burch
Musician	Jade Pusel

Sunday, February 25, 1:00 pm

LectorMarcy Kro	ogh
EMCMarcy Kro	ogh
UsherRodney Sen	zig



# Abby Johnson Speaking at April 13 DCCW Convention in La Crosse

You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La



Crosse on Saturday, April 13, at the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Biennial Convention. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film *Unplanned*.

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