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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.

APRIL 21, 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Communion Service With Deacon Tom

Weekends

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

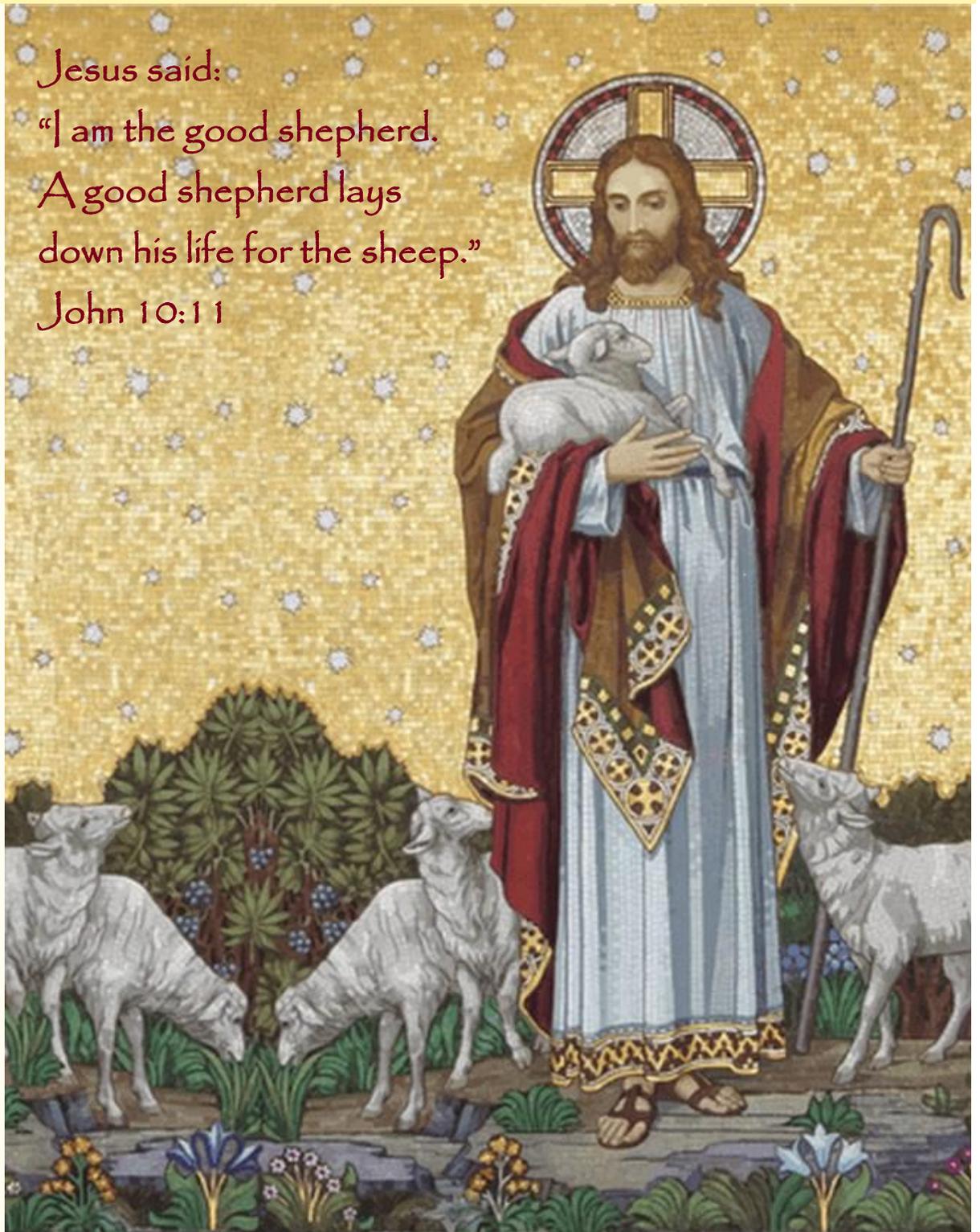
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm
Also by appointment

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11



Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	April 23 NO MASS
Wednesday,	April 24 8:30 am Communion Service
Thursday,	April 25 8:30 am Communion Service
Friday,	April 26 8:30 am Communion Service
Saturday,	April 27 7:00 pm † Bud Miller By: Miller Family
Sunday,	April 28 9:00 am † Marjorie Senzig By: Ron and Gail Finnegan
	1:00 pm Parishinor Mass

Father Cryton will be on retreat this week so there will be no weekday Masses. Deacon Tom will be holding Communion Services on those days.

Upcoming Events

Jubilee Celebration Preparation Meeting

April 21st @ 6:30 pm

Ladies Sodality Blood Drive @ Lyndon Station Fire Station

May 3rd 12pm-4pm

May Crowning & First Communion

May 5th @ 9 am Mass

Cemetery Clean-up

May 7th

Memorial Mass @ Cemetery

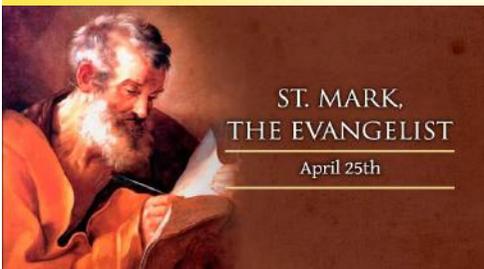
May 26th

Ladies Banquet

June 18th 5:30pm

Parish Festival

September 1st



A Message from Fr. Cryton,

Jesus the Good Shepherd

WE ARE IN THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus Himself declares: 'I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11). This day also invites us to pray for vocations. We are called to pray that many more people will accept the Lord's call to work in God's vineyard.

To understand well what Jesus means by referring to Himself as the Good Shepherd, we need to consider the use of the image of 'shepherd' in the Old Testament. The Israelites saw their leaders or kings as shepherds (Ezek. 34). Above all, they saw God himself as their shepherd. Let us reflect on a few qualities found in Jesus the 'Good Shepherd' explained by Fr. John Louis.

Constant Vigilance: The shepherds of old exercised constant vigilance over their flocks so that none of the animals went astray nor was attacked. Similarly, Jesus constantly watches over us. He assures us: 'I give my sheep eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand' (John 10:28). Again, the Lord assures us: 'this is the will of Him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given me' (John 6:39; cf. John 17:12).

Fearless Courage: The shepherds of Israel exhibited fearless courage in the face of wild beasts. Remember that David, as a young shepherd, killed lions and bears in defense of his father's flock (1 Sam. 17:34-36). Similarly, Jesus knew what awaited him in Jerusalem, but in order to save us, he fearlessly went there, even in a public manner. Again, like a courageous shepherd fearlessly embracing the danger awaiting him.

Selfless Sacrifice: Some of the shepherds of Israel sacrificed their lives in the process of protecting the animals from wild beasts and armed robbers. Similarly, Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd, I lay down my life for my sheep. ... I lay down my life of my own accord' (John 10:11, 18). Indeed, out of love, Jesus offered the one perfect sacrifice to save us all.

Patient Love: The shepherds of Israel demonstrated patient love for strayed sheep. Similarly, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who looks for the one lost sheep among the hundred sheep (Luke 15:1-7). Consider how many times we stray by sinning and yet Jesus constantly looks for us and brings us back to the Father.

Caring Provider: The shepherds of Israel were caring providers who led their flock to where they could feed. Similarly, Jesus provides for us. For this reason, He says, 'I am the door; if anyone enters, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ... I have come that you might have life and have it in abundance' (John 10:9-10). In His earthly ministry, Jesus fed the hungry in their thousands, healed the sick of all kinds of ailments and spiritually fed countless people with the Word of God.

"I pray that we will 'shepherd the flock which God has entrusted to [us], guarding it not out of obligation but willingly for God's sake; not as [those] looking for profit but with a generous heart; [that we will] not lord it over those in [our] care, rather be an example to [our] flock. Then when the Chief Shepherd appears, [we] will be given a crown of unfading glory' (1 Peter 5:2-4). Amen!"

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a virtual Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop Wed., mornings for 6 weeks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more.

For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

Tomah Deanery Spring Gathering

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

504 Enderby St, Wilton, WI

Program begins at 9:00 am (Registration from 8:45-9)

Come help us celebrate the Month of Mary at the Tomah Deanery Spring Gathering. Bring your rosary with you as we will be praying the rosary as part of our program. There will be a speaker from Family Promise of Monroe County.

Ladies Sodality Spring Blood Drive @ the Lyndon Station Fire Station

Friday, May 3rd 12pm-4pm

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> and type in the zip code 53944 to find the blood drive to sign up

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, Noah, Lizzie Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, Aiden Topper, 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!!!**



Does Lyndon Station need a food pantry?

A local 7th grader is doing a survey to find out if members of the Lyndon Station Community would benefit from a local food pantry. If you or someone you know would likely use a local food pantry, please send your name, phone number, and how many adults & kids live in your household by email to: JCEDC@JuneauCounty.com or leave your information on voicemail at: 608-427-2070 by April 30th. Thank you!

Attention High School Seniors!!

St. Mary's Parish will again be offering **\$250** Scholarships this year to graduating seniors that have been an active part of St. Mary's Parish. Guidelines and applications can be requested from the parish office by phone, e-mail, or pick up at the rectory. Application deadline is: **April 30, 2024**

Thank you for your generous donations to Mary's Meals (Holy Thursday collection), the Good Friday Holy Land and the Diocese of La Crosse Ladies Sodality collections! Our parish's contributions will help many of those in need who are grateful for your kindness.

Mary's Meals Collection: **\$737.00**

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: **\$794.00**

Diocese of La Crosse Ladies Sodality Collection: **\$1,047.00**



THIS SUNDAY, April 21st @ 6:30 PM

The **Jubilee Celebration Preparation Meeting** in
St. Bridget's Hall

**All those who are interested are welcome to
join in the conversation and discussion.**

Upcoming Ladies Sodality Officer Elections

We will be having an election for Vice President and Treasurer at our next Sodality meeting on Thursday, May 9th at 1pm. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please submit your name to Linda Lochner by Wednesday, May 8th so that you will be on the ballot. Election of President and Secretary will take place in 2025.

Ladies Banquet

The Ladies Banquet is Scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 5:30pm. More information will be available in future bulletins. We are in need of 'A Few Good Men' to help serve the food. If you are able to help out, please call Linda Lochner at 847-867-4941



Financial Stewardship

April 14, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1498.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$5.00
Offertory.....	\$403.00
Easter.....	\$15.00
Votive candles.....	<u>\$97.00</u>
Total	\$2,018.00

(158 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$120,276.16

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$95,120.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.45%

Number of Donors: 36

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$20,100.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$10,970.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 54.58%

Number of Donors: 50

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, April 27, 7:00 pm

Lector	Paul Zajackowski
EMC	Paul Zajackowski
Servers	Stella Finucan
.....	Beckett Finucan
Ushers	Jim McGowan
.....	Matt McGowan, Dan McGowan
Gift Bearers	Miller Family
Musician	Heidi Finucan

Sunday, April 28, 9:00 am

Lector	Ken Engevold
EMC	Sheri Guyse
.....	Ken Engevold
Servers	Nicole Dethloff
.....	Larry Mueller
.....	Brian Fox
Ushers	Bob & Fran Dethloff
.....	Matt Leja
.....	Tony Oldigs
Gift Bearers	Senzig Family
Musician	Jade Pusel

Sunday, April 28, 1:00 pm

Lector	Rochelle Crowley
EMC	Zach Housworth
Usher	Zach Housworth

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COMMENTARY ON THE INVOCATIONS OF THE LITANY OF LORETO (Part 9)

Ark of the Covenant, pray for us! In the stone case of the Old Covenant, the Israelite nation preserved the Tablets Of The Commandments, the rod of Aaron, and the vessels with manna. How marvelous is this symbol of our Immaculate Virgin! She hid in the ark of her soul the true manna, Christ, who at the same time was indeed the shepherd and Himself the Lawgiver. **House of gold, pray for us!** When Solomon completed that marvelous building which was the temple, he said: "I have built a house for the Name of the Lord, God of Israel" (1 Kings 8:20). In an extended, sublime sense, Mary could say the same. She built herself up as a temple of virtues by her love for the word of God. "Blessed rather are they who hear the word of God, and observe it" (Lk 11:28).

