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MAY 12, 2024 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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 person-

"As you sent me into the world, So I sent them into the world." John 17:18

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Weekdays Tue 5:30 pm, Wed - 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

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<u>Mass Intentions</u>		
Tuesday, 5:30 pm	May 14 † Tony Jurkowski By: Family	
Wednesday, 8:30 am	May 15 † Mary Claire Marshall By: Shirley Buttner	
Thursday, 8:30 am	May 16 † John Blau By: Margaret Crowley Haefer	
Friday, 8:30 am	May 17 Michael Sauter By: Angela Dziewior	
Saturday, 7:00 pm	May 18 † Clarence & Gloria Kramer By: Pete & Linda Lochner	
Sunday, 9:00 am	May 19 Parishioner Mass	

Parishioner Mass † Marion Walsh By: Ron & Gail Finnegan

1:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive May 11th & 12th after Masses

> **Cemetery Clean-up** May 14th 4:00 pm

Memorial Mass at Cemetery May 26th

> **Corpus Christi** June 2nd

Finance Council Meeting June 5th at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting June 5th at 7:30 pm

Graduation Mass & Donut Sunday June 9th at 9am Mass

> Ladies Sodality Banquet June 18th at 5:30 pm

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting June 25th at 6:30 pm

General Cleaning of St. Mary's Church July 29th at 9:00 am

> **Parish Festival** September 1st

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE May 14th

A Message from Fr. Cryton,

What Does Jesus' Ascension Teach Us Today?

Today we are celebrating the Feast of Jesus' Ascension. What is the real meaning of the Lord's Ascension? "The Lord has left and gone up into heaven, yet remains with us." This means that our life has to end just like that of the physical body of Christ who died. We too must die. If Christ had ascended into heaven, we too must be there. If everything has an end, so whatever goodness we can do, let's do it now and do not delay. What we can today let us not leave it for tomorrow. We shall reflect with Dr. Sandra Hamer Smith on what does Jesus' Ascension teach us today?

Jesus came, and he will return: The ascension teaches us that Jesus needed to return to heaven and take his rightful place since he was only sent here for a brief period. We should have enough evidence in scripture, testimonies from those who did see him, and faith in our hearts that Jesus did exist.

We are not left alone: The ascension of Jesus Christ is significant because the story shows us that Jesus did not leave us alone when he left the earth. He told his disciples that the Holy Ghost would come to comfort them after he left. Today, we are endowed with the power to do many things because God sent the Comforter

We have work to do: The ascension teaches us that we need to be busy and about the business of winning souls and fulfilling whatever ministry God has called us. We need to be aware that Jesus will return, but we must not stand gazing, waiting for His return. We should be harvesting souls through whatever gifting God has given us. As the faithful, we should also be prepared for His return since we do not know when that might be. We do not know if we are the generation that will see his return in the sky, but we should still have a spirit of expectation and preparedness.

God has a plan for our gifts: The ascension also teaches us about order. Jesus would return to heaven, and then the Comforter or the Holy Ghost would come to earth. The Holy Ghost endows us with the power to perform miracles just as Jesus did. Often, doubt clouds our hearts and minds to think that we cannot perform exploits. Of course, different people have different gifts. "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (1 Corinthians 12:8-10.)

Some people have the gift of faith. They can believe in God for anything. Some people have the gifts of healing, prophecy, discerning spirits, etc. I submit to you today that we should be about the business of uncovering our gifting so that we can use it to further the kingdom of God.

Jesus had ascended into Heaven. Does this mean that He is no longer with us? Jesus is still with us today. It is because he said that "whatever you do to the least of my brothers/sisters, you do this to me." He said also towards the end of St. Matthew's gospel: "I am with you until the end of the world."





A few pictures from last Sunday's First Communion. Congratulations Rylee Crowley, Loretta Schanke, and Kylie Seidl!

Cemetery Clean Up Rescheduled - May 14th 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Please come out to the cemetery on Hwy J and help clean it up! A light luncheon will be included after cleanup. Lot owners/families, please remove any decorations/ memorials lying on/by lots prior to clean-up on May 14th as the cleanup crew will remove and discard many materials

Thank you to the 23 donors at the Ladies Sodality Spring **Blood Drive on May 3rd!**



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen

Bulletin Advertising!

As you can see there are many open spots on this back page! If you know of a business who may be interested in advertising, contact the parish office @ 608-666-2421 or email office@stmlys.diolcparish.org for more information. We can also help with the design if needed! Any profit goes into the charity account to help those in need.

Also, please support our bulletin advertisers! They help make this bulletin possible.

We also still offer "sunshine ads"! Contact the office for more information.

Here are a couple pictures of the Sharing Supper at Mauston High School on April 25th. The St. Mary's Ladies Sodality was a



co-sponsor with Rep Tony Kurtz, Curran, Hollenbeck and Orion, S.C., and Ruf's Detail and Tint. They also helped serve the meal.



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, 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!!!**

Confession and Communion: The Intimate Connection

In our churches we see precious gold tabernacles accompanied always by lighted sanctuary candles. Together they tell us, "Jesus is here – this is a sacred place." Our souls are likewise made pure and radiant when we are cleansed of our sins by regular confession. Then when we receive the body and blood of Jesus in Communion,

we become living tabernacles, with the fire of His light and love burning brightly within us. This is the seventh in a series on key themes for the eucharistic revival written by Christopher Ruff, Ann Lankford and Chris Carstens. Visit this website or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right: diolc.org/eucharist/learn



<u>Financial Stewardship</u>

May 5, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$2365.00	
Student Envelopes	\$9.00	
Offertory	\$614.00	
Ascension	\$20.00	
Votive candles\$45.00		
Total	\$3,053.00	
(160 registered families)		

<u>Fiscal year-to-date</u>

Contributed.....\$128,855.16

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: \$11,535.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 57.39% Number of Donors: 53

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, May 18, 7:00 pm

Lector	Joyce Fuller	
EMC	Joyce Fuller	
Servers	Katelyn Browne	
	Aron Browne	
Ushers	Dan Patton	
Jim McGowan & Matt McGowan		
Gift BearersJim	& Vicki McGowan	
Musician	Carol Costerisan	

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 am

Lector EMC	
	Fran Dethloff
Servers	
	Larry Mueller
•••••	Brian Fox
Ushers	Bob Dethloff
	Fran Dethloff
Mark Wa	lsh & Matthew Leja
Gift BearersMick	& Joan McCormick
Musician	Jade Pusel

Sunday, May 19, 1:00 pm

Lector	Zach Housworth
EMC	Marcy Kroah
Usher	, .



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Vessel of honor, pray for us! The righteousness of Mary was based next on the pillars of hope and trust in God. 15 For just as distressful is the one who, despising God's help, wishes to rely on his own nothingness, so again the one who merits special honor is the person who supports his building on God and places his trust only in Him. For this reason, also, we honor Mary as the Vessel of honor.

Spiritual vessel, pray for us! Mary is the spiritual vessel because her righteousness was based on faith. Tertullian writes about it thus: "Eve drew upon the earth a sentence of death, since she trusted the serpent in spite of God's command; in contrast, Mary, our queen Mary, brought salvation to the world, for she trusted the words of the angel." Let us be a spiritual vessel like Mary, filled to the brim with a humble and unwavering faith. "Stand firm in the faith." (I Cor 16:13)

