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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.

## August 25, 2024 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, August 27**  
5:30 pm  
† John "Jack" Smart  
By: Jim & Carol Cauley

**Wednesday, August 28**  
8:30 am  
† Bobby Walsh  
By: Mark Walsh

**Thursday, August 29**  
8:30 am  
Sara Beth Kalbes

**Friday, August 30**  
8:30 am  
† Mary Claire Marshall  
By: Family

**Saturday, August 31**  
7:00 pm  
† Anna McGowan  
By: Ilene Ryczek

**Sunday, September 1**  
10:00 am  
Parishioner Mass  
Parish Festival

### Upcoming Events

**Moving tables for the Festival**  
August 29th, 6:00 pm

**Parish Festival**  
September 1st  
**No 1 pm Mass**

**Cleaning of St. Bridget's Hall**  
September 5th, 9:00 am

**Jubilee Celebration**  
September 22nd  
**10 am Mass, No 1 pm Mass**

**Finance Committee Budget Meeting**  
September 24, 6:30 pm

**Ladies Sodality Meeting**  
October 10, 1:00 pm

**Cemetery Committee Meeting**  
October 15th, 3:00 pm

**Knights of Columbus Roundtable**  
St. Bridget's Hall  
October 24th, 6:30 pm

"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my father." John 6:65

### PARISH OFFICE

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**Secretary Office Hours**  
Monday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
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**Confessions**  
Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm  
\*\*And by appointment\*

### 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

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

## **“Lord, Where Shall We Go?”**

Jesus asked the Twelve in the Gospel today, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered Him, “To whom shall we go you have the words of eternal life. Let’s focus our attention on this theme today. This reflection is taken from, Person of Christ by John Pipe.

**If Peter were alive today, here’s the way his process of thought might have gone. Lord, where shall we go?**

### **To Those Who Deny God’s Sovereignty?**

Shall we go to those who deny your full sovereignty and who leave it decisively with sinners to raise themselves from the dead and give themselves spiritual life and become the decisive creators of their own faith, and provide the decisive impetus to come to Christ? As many as find this attractive,

Peter says, No, whatever problems I have following a sovereign Christ, this alternative is hopeless. I know my own heart. If God were not decisive with me, I would not have come.

### **To Those Who Say Sin Is Not Serious?**

Shall we go to those who say that sin not so serious a problem because God is all merciful and he will, in the end, forgive everyone, and there is no wrath and no final judgment on any person? Shall we go find our place in that rosy world?

**No, Peter says,** because as pleasant as it sounds it is the creation of sentimentality, not reality. In reality, there are horrific evils that must be set right. The outrages of history — including my own — cannot be swept under the rug of the universe. Mere forgiveness without the brokenhearted embrace of some kind of massive atonement will not satisfy my conscience or the justice of God.

### **To Those Who Deny God Exists?**

Shall we go to those who deny that God exists? Would that be a satisfying escape from the problems of God’s sovereignty?

**No, Peter says,** because if there is no God, and human beings are mere accidental and complex collections of matter and energy, then my very indignation at the evil in the world is reduced to a mere chemical reaction and loses all its meaning. And the one thing that was giving me energy and opposition to the sovereignty of God, namely, my moral indignation with the injustice of it all, turns out to be mere chemicals in my brain not significantly different than the growling of my stomach.

**To whom then shall we go?**

### **Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM**

#### **Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:**

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

### **2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal ended June 30th**

St. Mary’s goal for the Diocesan Annual appeal set by the Diocese was \$20,100. Total amount donated by 66 donors was \$14,220

### **St. Mary's Parish Festival- New Updates!**

#### **Next Sunday-September 1st!**

- ❖ We will be moving tables on Thursday, August 29th, at 6pm, meet in the church back parking lot- many hands are needed and much appreciated. Any questions, please direct them to Jim Cauley at 608-963-0585
- ❖ We are still looking for extra tents for the festival- if you have one that we could borrow- please contact Linda Lochner at 847-867-4941.
- ❖ The festival will start on the church grounds after Mass is done, around 11am. There will be food, water, soda and beer, live band entertainment, fun and games for all ages, and the drawing for the winners of the basket raffles!
- ❖ Also- this year- THE COUNTRY STORE
- ❖ We will be selling baked goods, fresh produce from the gardens and handcrafted items. We will be accepting items for the country store crafts, any baked goods and extra produce from your gardens- we only ask that the produce and baked goods to be dropped off the day of the festival. We will have someone available to receive your goodies before the Mass on the 1st. Thank you!
- ❖ We will be having Joe Walsh singing from 11am until the Drinkin Man's Band begins at 12:30pm. Come out and relax and enjoy some very nice music!
- ❖ Basket raffle tickets will not be available for sale on Saturday, August 31st at the 7pm mass- All of the items will be in the garage already for Sunday!!!
- ❖ Lastly, just a reminder to check your scheduled time for working at the festival- we need everyone to make this a success- any questions, please direct them to Linda Lochner at 847-867-4941. Thank you very much!!!!!!

**St. Mary's Jubilee History Book is at the printers!**

The History Committee plans on selling the 125th Jubilee book at a tent at the Parish Festival on September 1st. The book includes 148 pages of past and recent pictures, information, and events of our parish! Cost per book is \$20.00 cash or check made out to St. Mary's Parish. Contact Jeanette Crowley 608-547-1350 with any questions.

As you may have noticed, we are currently testing out different types of bulletin formats and prints. Over the next few weeks you may see a variety of changes as we work to determine the best bulletin print style and format for our parish. We would welcome any feedback you have as we work through this testing phase. **Thank you for your patience with us!!!**

**We are in need of a CCD teacher for this upcoming year. Please reach out to Sandy Madland if you would be willing to help out.**

**St. Patrick Parish - Mauston Annual Fall Festival  
Sunday, September 8th from 9 AM - 3 PM**

Food, kids' games, raffles, bingo, cake walk, music, beer tent, craft store, silent auction and more! Win \$5,000 in our Fall Festival Raffle. Bid on more than 100 items on our on-line auction from Sunday, August 25 through Monday, September 9. <https://StPatricksAuction2024.ggo.bid>

To our Parish Family Members,  
We will be having a catered meal after the Jubilee Mass on September 22nd. This is for our parish family members ONLY. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. It is very important we get an accurate count for the caterer. The cost of the meal will be covered by the parish.

**The last day to sign up is Sunday, September 1st.**

A confirmation will be sent to your email or text to your phone to confirm your number as the date gets closer. Any questions: contact Carol Cauley (608)963-0588 or Linda Lochner (847)867-4941.

**\$2,326** was collected for St. Paul's Catholic Seminary in Ghana for the Mission Co-op weekend August 10th & 11th. Here is a letter from visiting priest Fr. Joe:

Dear Fr. Cryton and Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the warm reception, exceptional hospitality, and generosity you showed me during my recent visit to Lyndon Station for the 2024 Mission Co-op. Your kindness and support mean the world to me and the entire St. Paul's Catholic Seminary community.

Your generosity will have a profound impact on the formation of future priests, and I assure you that your donations will be used in accord with your intentions. Your willingness to participate in our mission shows your commitment to the Catholic faith and the importance of nurturing our future spiritual leaders.

Please know that you are in my prayers, and I solicit your prayers for us as well. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

**St. Mary's Prayer List**

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Chris DeLange, Fran Dethloff, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Noah, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, Aiden Topper, MV, Katie Walsh, 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!!!**



**Financial Stewardship**

**August 18, 2024**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$6162.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$6.00
Offertory.....	\$745.00
Assumption.....	\$563.00
<u>Votive candles.....</u>	<u>\$56.25</u>

Total \$7,532.25

(159 registered families)

**Fiscal year-to-date**

Contributed.....\$26,259.31

**Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$95,345.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.59%

Number of Donors: 36

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, August 31, 7:00 pm**

Lector.....	Paul Zajackowski
EMC.....	Joyce Fuller
Servers.....	Stella & Beckett Finucan
Ushers.....	Jim McGowan
.....	Dan McGowan & Matt McGowan
Gift Bearers.....	McGowan Family
Musician.....	Heidi Finucan

**Sunday, September 1, 10:00 am**

Lector.....	Christine Kobylski
EMC.....	Joan Holig-McCormick
.....	Carol Cauley
Servers.....	Karina Strzemecka
.....	Amanda & Karol Strzemecka
Ushers.....	Jim Cauley
.....	Craig Kobylski
.....	Tom Kowalke & Pat Cauley
Gift Bearers.....	Moore Family
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

**Sunday, September 1, 1:00 pm**

**No 1pm Mass**

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Phone: 608-666-2421 or Email: office@stmlys.diocparish.org

**Advertise in an open space!!!**  
Contact St. Mary's Parish Office @ 608-666-2421

**Stewardship Bulletin Announcements - August 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
Prov 9:1-619; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..." The profound nature of this statement should fill us with awe and reverence. Understandably, the crowd was shocked —partaking in the Flesh and Blood of our Lord is a profound and awe-inspiring concept. Yet, it's all too easy to fall into the routine of attending Mass week after week, receiving the Eucharist as just another part of our schedule.



If we spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord gives us the very best He has to offer — Himself. Even the most brilliant theological scholar or the holiest of saints can't fully understand this mystery.

Receiving the Eucharist is not reserved for saints or scholars. It's a gift for all of us, and we should approach it with gratitude. Today's readings can guide us in becoming better Christian stewards, regardless of our background or knowledge.

The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. God fills us with His love and strength through His gift of the Eucharist. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve, joyful in material giving, and offer our best to our families and secular work.

The Eucharist is not just a routine part of our lives. It's a transformative gift from God that can inspire us to live as His passionate disciples. When we genuinely contemplate this gift, it fills us with a desire to make a joyful return to Him and changes our lives forever.