

# SAINT MARY'S

THE OLDEST EXISTING CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE DIOCESE OF  
LA CROSSE [est. 1851]

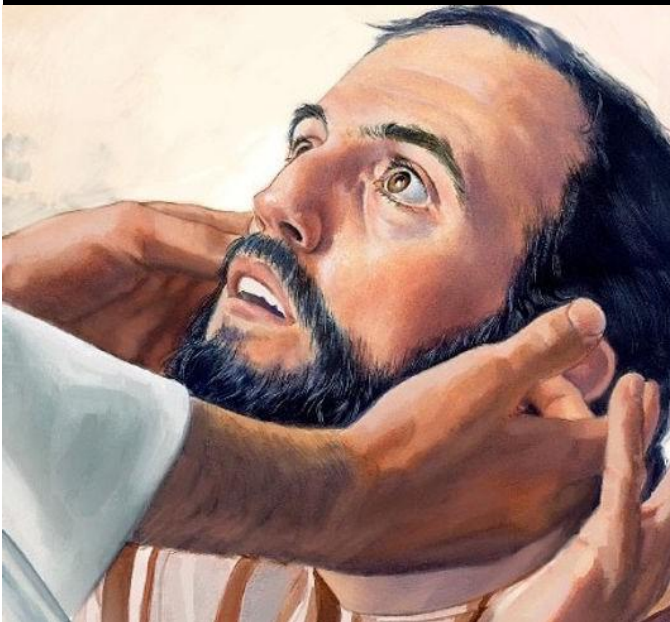
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### Parish Mission Statement:

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.

## September 8, 2024 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” — And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Mark 7:34-35

### Mass Intentions

<b>Tuesday,</b> 5:30 pm	<b>September 10</b> † Dan Rogge By: Pat Rogge
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 11</b> Special Intention
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 12</b> † Marion Walsh By: Wayne & Nancy Greenwood
<b>Friday,</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 13</b> Dawn Booth
<b>Saturday,</b> 7:00 pm	<b>September 14</b> † Tom Parslow By: McGowan Family
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 am	<b>September 15</b> † David Guyse By: Pete & Linda Lochner
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Parishioner Mass

### Upcoming Events

**St. Patrick's Festival**  
September 8, 2pm

**Rural Life Day**  
Lone Rock September 18th, 10am

**5k walk/run and 10k run**  
Travis Fitzgerald Memorial Park  
September 21st  
8:30am-Noon

**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

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
October 15, 12-4pm at the Lyndon Station  
Firehouse

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

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

### PARISH OFFICE

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Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm  
\*\*And by appointment\*

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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

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

**Ephphata Moments in life**

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time invites us to experience the Ephphata moments in our life. As Christians, we are called to not just live our faith on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation. Rather than simply showing up for Mass, we are challenged to take our faith, deepen it both inside and outside the confines of the church, and we are tasked to carry it in all our actions. Being Christian is not supposed to be easy, nor is it supposed to constantly make us a victim. Rather, it is a call to radical conversion of our hearts, our minds, and ultimately our actions. As St. Augustine reminds us, *“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”* We don't pray for God to change the world; instead, we pray for strength and courage to go out and change the world.

Jesus touched the deaf man who had a speech impediment ears and tongue - the Lord is willing to touch our hearts. To heal us in a world that has become deaf and silent about God, of the striving for sanctity. And he does at our baptisms; the priest or deacon touch our ears and mouth while saying these words:

*“The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father”.*

When we are spiritually and emotionally paralyzed and are unable to receive God's love, and are cut off from the spiritual energies within our souls, we need to allow Christ to whisper into our depths – ephphatha!

*Let these be our prayerful wish for each other today,*

- **“Ephphatha! Be opened.”** Let your ears be open to Christ's word of forgiveness for your sin.
- **“Ephphatha! Be opened.”** Let your eyes be open to see the opportunities God is making available in your world.
- **“Ephphatha! Be opened.”** Let your mind be open to new ways of thinking that will expand your understanding of God's will for you and yours.
- **“Ephphatha! Be opened.”** Let your mouth be opened to share with your friends what God is doing in your life.
- **“Ephphatha! Be opened.”** Let your life be open to the movement of the Spirit, open to release from whatever is scaring you, stopping you, holding you back, from becoming the person you want to be, the person God wants you to be.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Parish Festival last Sunday! A huge and special thank you to all of the volunteers for all of your help from planning, setting up, working the day of and with clean up on Monday, Sept 2nd. You are appreciated very much! Also, thank you for the generous donations for the basket raffle, country store and monetary donations. Final details will be in the bulletin as soon as we have all the bills paid.

**Thank You!**

**St Patrick's 19th Annual Golf Outing 2024**

Sunday September 15, Tee Time 1pm—9 Holes with Hamburgers and Brats Available!

Tickets \$55\* Registration: Call CRGC 608-847-4658

**St. Mary's Jubilee History Book For Sale!!!**

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.

**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.

**Youth Leadership Retreat:** We are excited to offer a Youth Leadership Retreat at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI the weekend of October 25-27, 2024. One of the most important things we can do in youth ministry is to teach, train, and encourage our young people to use their God-given gifts for Him. While they are the future of the Church, there are also, very much, the present and now is the time to invite them to be part of our Church now. Too often we see our young people get Confirmed, then leave. This is our opportunity to say, “Wait! There's so much more!” and “We need you!” This leadership retreat will be a time for you to work with your young people to help them understand how to identify and use the gifts and talents God has given them, and make a plan for how they can use them in your parish. Please have your youth and chaperones register for this retreat using this link: <https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/portalParticipant/frmLogin.aspx?TeamID=49884>

**~ ACH Giving ~**

St. Mary's offers automatic transfers via ACH from your bank account for your giving! There are forms in the vestibule. All you have to do is fill one out, include it with a voided check and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. You'll never have to remember to bring an offering envelope to Mass again! You can also cancel, skip, or modify donations at any time.

Contact the parish office for more information | Phone: 608-666-2421 or Email: [office@stmlys.diocparish.org](mailto:office@stmlys.diocparish.org)

**Coat of Arms and Description** | The great seal of the Diocese of La Crosse (viewer's left side of the shield) is on a field of silver. The three wavy bands at the bottom represent the three rivers flowing through the Diocese—the Mississippi, Wisconsin and Chippewa rivers. The cross of gold within the canoe symbolizes the travels of the early Jesuit missionaries through the Diocese and the faith they brought to the area. Below the left arm of the cross is a lacrosse racket, from the game played by Native Americans who first inhabited the territory. Below the right arm is a sheaf of wheat, indicating the predominantly rural nature of the Diocese. The wheat is also a symbol of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The remainder of the Diocesan side of the shield is occupied by three hills of green behind the cross, representing the bluffs and hills found in the Diocese. For the personal coat of arms (viewer's right side of the shield), His Excellency, Gerard W. Battersby, has adopted a design reflecting his personal heritage, spirituality and ministry. At the top of the shield is a Celtic processional cross meant to honor Bishop Battersby's Irish heritage. It is shaped like a traditional cross but with a ring, representing the sun, around the intersection of the stem and arms. The whole cross is decorated with ornate Gaelic patterns. Bishop Battersby's Coat of Arms includes the three Sacred Hearts. The hearts represent the Holy Family and symbolize the unending and boundless love for us. The wounded heart signifies his devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It also pays tribute to Sacred Heart Major Seminary where he prepared for the priesthood and at which he served as vice-rector and dean of seminarian formation at the time he was called to the episcopacy. The second heart, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, signifies the trust and confidence that Bishop Battersby has in the Blessed Mother's intercession and protection. The sword symbolizes the sorrows of Mary, the flames represent her burning love for Jesus and us, her children and the roses represent her purity. Bishop Battersby's devotion to St. Joseph is represented in the third of the Sacred Hearts, the Chaste Heart of Joseph, inflamed with love and adorned with the white lily of purity, a symbol of his faith and steadiness. Bishop Battersby's motto –In Sinu Patris–The longer version is found in the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 1, verse 18, which reads, "Deum nemo vidit umquam; unigenitus Deus, qui est in sinum Patris, ipse enarravit." In translation: "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God who is at the Father's side has revealed him." Surrounding the shield is the pontifical hat called the "galero" with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop. [Next week we will run a 'Get to know our Bishop' column in preparation for his coming to Saint Mary's Jubilee]



**A Minute with Jesus: Jesus Wants to Remain within Us**

The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to remain with us—to abide within us. We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves from Him through serious sin). When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our heart. This is why the Eucharist is called Holy Communion. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please continue to "stay with me", to abide in me so that I can be strengthened as Your faithful follower. This week, read how after the Resurrection Jesus walked with two disciples, explained the Scriptures to them and then celebrated the Eucharist so that they could abide in Him in Luke 24: 13-35



**Stewardship Bulletin Announcements** September 8, 2024 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time IS 35:4-7A; PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; JAS 2:1-5; MK 7:31-37

Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. Pray this message comes ablaze in our hearts so we might live with unwavering faith. The Gospel tells the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, and then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately, he was healed. This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet, suppose we reflect further on this reading. In that case, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls. Frequently, we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, community, or strangers. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves. These are the ways we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures, our guide and source of hope, remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us. Let this message of hope and healing bring comfort and reassurance to our hearts. This week, let us actively seek God's healing and transformation for our souls and hearts. Let us fervently pray that our eyes and ears might be open to His workings, words, and promptings, knowing that through our prayers and reflections, we can experience profound change and growth.

**St. Mary's Prayer List**

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Chris DeLange, Fran Dethloff, Fr. Clayton Elmhurst, 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!!!**



**We will be updating the prayer list every three months to verify that all individuals on it wish to remain so. For the current list, if you would like to be removed or added please let the parish office know. Thank you and God bless.**

**Financial Stewardship**

**September 1, 2024**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2005.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$7.00
Offertory.....	\$833.00
Utility.....	\$20.00
Votive candles.....	\$35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>
(159 registered families)	

**Fiscal year-to-date**

Contributed.....	\$32,659.31
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**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, September 14, 7:00 pm**

<b>Lector</b> .....	Karen Patton
<b>EMC</b> .....	Mary Crowley
<b>Servers</b> .....	Katelyn Browne & Aron Browne
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Dan Patton
.....	Jim Arens & Jim McGowan
<b>Gift Bearers</b> .....	Leo & Jeanette Crowley
<b>Musician</b> .....	TBD

**Sunday, September 15, 9:00 am**

<b>Lector</b> .....	Mick McCormick
<b>EMC</b> .....	Joan Holig-McCormick
.....	Carol Cauley
<b>Servers</b> .....	Karina Strzemecka
.....	Amanda & Karol Strzemecka
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony Oldigs, Matt Leja
.....	Earl Verette & Tom Guyse
<b>Gift Bearers</b> .....	Tom & Sheri Guyse
<b>Musician</b> .....	TBD

**Sunday, September 15, 1:00 pm**

<b>Lector</b> .....	Zach Housworth
<b>EMC</b> .....	Zach Housworth
<b>Usher</b> .....	Rodney Senzig

