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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.

December 15, 2024 - The Third Sunday of Advent



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worth to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3:15-16

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 17
5:30 pm
† Colonel Jack Wagner
By: McGowan Family

Wednesday, December 18
8:30 am
† Stanislaw Chowaniec-
Bombac
By: Jim & Judy Hall

Thursday, December 19
8:30 am
† Walter & Emilia Sojka
By: Zofia & Matt Leja

Friday, December 20
8:30 am
† Allan Hale
By: Jim & Carol Cauley

Saturday, December 21
7:00 pm
† Jan Pasciak
By: Josephine Pasciak

Sunday, December 22
9:00 am
Pour Souls in Purgatory
By: Angela Dziewior

1:00 pm
Parishioner Mass

Reminder: Christmas Eve Mass is Tuesday December 24th at 7pm and Christmas Day Masses are at 9am and 1pm.

Parish Events

Christmas Decorations Setup
December 22, 3pm

Christmas Caroling
30 minutes prior to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
9am Mass

Christmas Decorations Cleanup
January 5, 3pm

2025 Offertory Envelopes are now available and in the Church Vestibule

The parish office will not be open Saturday December 21, instead it will be open Thursday December 19 from 8am-12. The following week they will return to normal.

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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

A Message from Father Cryton:

“He Loved Us” The Encyclical by Pope Francis Continues....

Pope Francis further highlights the aspects, that devotion to the Sacred Heart should unite *to “to nourish us and bring us closer to the Gospel”*: *personal spiritual experience, and community and missionary commitment. Let us reflect the summary of the fourth chapter of the encyclical, “He Loved Us” by Pope Francis this weekend.*

Chapter 4: A Love That Gives Itself as Drink

Chapter 4 brings us into the rich biblical and theological imagery of water as a symbol of life, salvation, and love, all fulfilled in the pierced heart of Christ: *“The pierced heart of Christ embodies all God’s declarations of love present in the Scriptures. That love is no mere matter of words; rather, the open side of his Son is a source of life for those whom he loves, the fount that quenches the thirst of his people”* (#101).

Francis explores prophetic texts from Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah, which point to water as a symbol of new life and purification. Jesus, in the Gospel of John, invites all who thirst to come to him. This invitation culminates on the cross, when blood and water flow from Christ’s side, symbolizing the Holy Spirit and the gift of eternal life (#92-101).

The Pope traces the development of the Sacred Heart devotion from the early Church Fathers to medieval mystics like St. Bernard and St. Bonaventure, who saw the pierced side of Christ as the source of grace. Over time, this devotion became a personal, intimate encounter with Christ’s love, especially through figures like St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Thérèse of Lisieux: *“As for me, I find perfection very easy to practice because I have understood it is a matter of taking hold of Jesus by his heart”* (St. Therese).

Francis highlights the consoling nature of this devotion, urging believers to respond to Christ’s suffering by offering him love in return (#102-123).

He concludes the chapter with a powerful call to console Christ’s wounded heart. Drawing from the reflections of St. Claude de la Colombiere and Pope Pius XI, Francis explains how this desire to offer reparation for the sins of the world heals not only Christ’s heart but also the hearts of those who engage in it. The goal is not guilt but a deep, purifying sorrow for sin, which brings about spiritual renewal and peace (#152-163).

“If we truly love the Lord, how could we not desire to console him?” (#152). *“And so even now, in a wondrous yet true manner, we can and ought to console that Most Sacred Heart, which is continually wounded by the sins of thankless men”* (Pope Pius XI). (The summary is taken from the Vatican news)

The Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council are sponsoring an effort to support the Knights of Columbus of Wisconsin for the Annual “Sentiments for Seminarians Drive.” It’s an easy way to give a show of support to our seminarians, future priests and religious novices with simple gestures of appreciation during the holiday season. Please consider making a donation to this cause to support those who have devoted their lives to the service of others with their religious lives. To make a donation please contact the Parish Office.

A big thank you to everyone that baked, donated or purchased cookies for the cookie walk last weekend! We made \$379 and the money will be put toward much needed repairs in our church. We greatly appreciate your support!

The Rosary in a Year Podcast: Renew Your Prayer | On January 1st, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames is launching The Rosary in a Year podcast! You are most welcome to join for FREE as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Blessed Virgin as you understand the beauty and significance of the rosary. This will be a 10-minute daily podcast to hear about the basics, what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and Mary, explain the meaning of the prayers, understand better the different mysteries and how to meditate on the life of Christ to encounter Him. Download the prayer plan at AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church for Word Among Us [Daily Readings & Reflections for 2025]. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Word Among Us for the 2025 year, but to ensure a more accurate count for ordering we ask that you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of Church.



A Minute with Jesus: Jesus Came Into the World to be Our Model of Holiness | Jesus, God of the universe, the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, humbled Himself and took on human flesh, being born as a tiny infant in Bethlehem. The New Testament highlights the fact that Jesus’ entire Earthly life was dedicated to loving and serving each person He met. Today, Jesus is our model of unconditional love in giving Himself to us in the holy Eucharist. Through receiving Him in holy communion, we are strengthened to follow Jesus’ example of giving ourselves in love and service to others. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help us to read the Bible so that we can learn to follow Your example of self-giving love in all circumstances. This week, read how Mary responded to the “hint” from the angel Gabriel to go and serve Elizabeth, who was with child in her old age through a miracle of God in Luke 1:36-56.

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias | Christmas will be here very soon! If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in memory or in honor of someone, we are now taking donations. Please be sure to have your donation to the parish office no later than December 18th. This will give the office time to compile the list of donors and put the list in the Christmas Bulletin.

St. Patrick's, Mauston Advent
Communal Penance Service -
Thursday, December 19th 7pm

St Paul's, New Lisbon
Penitential Service Friday,
December 20 6:30pm

St. Cecila's, Wisconsin Dells
Communal Penance Services
with Individual Confession

Saturday, December 21
8:15am (following mass)

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, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Preston Shields, Aiden Topper, MV, Katie Walsh, Rachel Dombroski, Darren Honnold, 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!!!**



Community Events:

Jingle & Mingle!

Mile Bluff Medical Center
December 18 4:30-6:30pm

ADRC Caregiver Support Group:

Beyond the Daily Grind
January 7 2-3pm, call to register 608-847-9371

Advent Sets the Stage for Christmas Joy | Even if you are too busy or exhausted from all that you desire to accomplish during Advent, you can ask the Holy Spirit to give you a hunger for Christ's presence. He will answer that prayer. Planning the specified time for prayer each day is important; otherwise, it can so easily fall by the wayside. Further, making a good confession during the season of Advent is something you don't want to miss. Your burden of guilt and the weight of sin will be taken away, which leads to healing and interior freedom. This cleansing from sin allows more room in your heart for the Christ Child. You can also fast from TV programs or desserts or other things that you like a little too much, which in the end, really don't satisfy your heart. Fasting helps increase your hunger for Christ. Please know that it is not too late to begin the internal preparation for the coming of the Christ Child! During these days, prepare your heart so that the birth of the Christ Child coming as your Savior is your greatest gift on Christmas Day.

Some people have sent donations for the Diocesan Annual Appeal or the Inspired By the Spirit Campaign directly to the Diocese Office, thank you for your gift. We ask those who prefer to send a financial gift directly to the Diocese to please not send cash. They have requested this specifically as they are not able to handle cash efficiently. If you would like to donate cash please contact our parish office so that we can include your offering in a parish check with your donation information.

"Behold: Prayer of the Saints" Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse | This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.

Financial Stewardship

December 8, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2240.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$3.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes.....	\$516.00
Immaculate Conception Offertory.....	\$106.00
Offertory.....	\$439.00
Flowers.....	\$30.00
<u>Votive candles.....</u>	<u>\$46.00</u>
Total	\$3,410.00
	(161 registered families)
	Fiscal year-to-date
Contributed.....	\$74,439.84

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 21, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Ted Czajkowski
EMC.....	Mary Crowley
Servers.....	Katelyn & Aron Browne
Ushers.....	Dennis Franek
	Matt McGowan & Dan Patton
Gift Bearers.....	Josephine Pasciak
Musician.....	Carol Costerisan

Sunday, December 22, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Sandy Edwards
EMC.....	Carol Cauley
	Sheri Guyse
Servers.....	Brian Fox,
	Schanke Children
Ushers.....	Tom Guyse, Jim Cauley
	Tony Oldigs & Bob Dethloff
Gift Bearers.....	Erickson Family
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, December 22, 1:00 pm

Lector.....	Rochelle Crowley
EMC.....	Zach Housworth
Ushers.....	Rodney Senzig



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas Brunch! It was a wonderful celebration!



CCD | Kid's Corner

This week's CCD
Student of the Week is:
Eloise Erickson



Grade 2

Q: What is your favorite thing about getting ready for Christmas?

A: I like to go and pick out a Christmas tree with my family.

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-6; PHIL 4:4-7; LK3:10-18 | We have reached the joyous Gaudete Sunday (the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent. The Scriptures triumphantly resonate as we continue preparing to celebrate our Savior's birth, filling our hearts with hope and anticipation. Our Second Reading brings us a reason for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." He then provides a recipe for preserving this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for attaining peace are a comforting Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should bring all our needs to God and present them to Him with gratitude. This counsel evokes a crucial aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His immense love and countless gifts to us. The Gospel passage from Luke shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." This message is a clear call to stewardship to share our material blessings with those in need. He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them! As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him. This contemplative look could result in being more generous with our time and resources, forgiving those who wronged us, or living more in line with God's will.