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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 22, 2024 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Luke 1:39-43

Parish Events

Christmas Decorations Setup - Many Hands Needed!!!!

December 22, 3pm

Christmas Caroling

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

Christmas Decorations Cleanup

January 5, 3pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday,
7:00 pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve

† Gene Delmore

By: Betty Delmore

Wednesday,
9:00 am

December 25 - Christmas

† Marion Walsh

By: Jerry & Renee Sobojski

1:00 pm

† Bob Walsh

By: Knights of Columbus,
Solomon Juneau

Thursday,

December 26

No Mass

Friday,
8:30 am

December 27

† David Guyse

By: Sheri & Tom Guyse

Saturday,
7:00 pm

December 28

† Eugene Fitzgerald

By: Family

Sunday,
9:00 am

December 29

Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm

† Larry Hadac

By: Dennis & Donna Franek

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday December 25 & January 1, instead the office will be open Thursday December 26 & January 2.

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pm

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Monday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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Saturday 8:00 am - Noon

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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” Encyclical by Pope Francis – Summary of the Final Chapter

Chapter 5: Love for Love

In the final chapter, Pope Francis reflects on the intense love Christ has for humanity, as seen through the revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Christ’s Sacred Heart burns with love but often meets indifference. His cry, *“I thirst,”* is a plea for love in return, especially through the Eucharist. Francis calls the faithful to respond to this divine love not out of obligation, but out of a deep desire to console Christ’s heart. He invites us to embrace a life of love and service, especially to the poor and marginalized, as a way of offering love for love (#164-171).

This devotion, Francis explains, is not just about personal piety; it has always been linked to service. Saints like Augustine and Bernard stressed that our union with Christ enables us to become fountains of love for others. This love manifests itself in humble acts of charity and service, transforming the world and building a civilization of love (#172-179).

Finally, Pope Francis emphasizes the theme of reparation—healing the wounds caused by sin and injustice. Acts of reparation go beyond personal piety to include concrete actions of social justice and mercy. He challenges us to repair the damage done by selfishness and indifference by actively engaging in love, service, and solidarity. Through this mission, Christians participate in Christ’s redemptive love, bringing about healing and transformation in the world (#180-220).

Concluding prayer by Pope Francis

Pope Francis concludes with a heartfelt prayer: *“I ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant that his Sacred Heart may continue to pour forth the streams of living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey together towards a just, solidary and fraternal world. Until that day when we will rejoice in celebrating together the banquet of the heavenly kingdom in the presence of the risen Lord, who harmonizes all our differences in the light that radiates perpetually from his open heart. May he be blessed forever”.* (The summary of the encyclical is taken from the Vatican news).

We wish to congratulate Jade Pusel and her family who welcomed their new baby Owen into the world!

“Getting Ready” | During these final days of Advent, we want to step back from our busy lives, taking time in stillness and solitude, to reflect more deeply on the mystery of God’s Incarnation – Jesus taking on human flesh to be among us. This time of penance and sacrifice can include something like not having dessert occasionally, turning off the TV for one night or setting aside an electronic device for an hour. This can include helping someone in need or visiting a person who is lonely. We offer small sacrifices so that during this season of grace we might have an open, welcoming heart with more room to receive Jesus on Christmas. We will be surprised how these long-held Catholic traditions of preparing allow us to see and understand truths that may be hidden from our human eyes. In the silence of prayer, the Lord will give us new insights, that we may see with “spiritual eyes” and understand better the wonder of the mystery of the birth of Jesus, our Savior.



The CCD students had a wonderful Christmas Fun Night on Wednesday where they played lively games, did Christmas crafts and enjoyed some delicious treats! A good time was had by all!



Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. Mary's, Visitors and Well-wishers,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I extend my heartfelt blessings and Christmas joy to each of you and your families. This season reminds us of God's greatest gift to humanity, the gift of love, peace, and hope in the person of Christ.

In the humble stable of Bethlehem, God became man to walk with us, to heal us, and to show us the path to eternal life. Let us remember that the spirit of Christmas is not just about the gifts we exchange but about sharing Christ's love with one another. As we gather in prayer, worship, and fellowship, let us be renewed in our faith and open our hearts to the joys and challenges of the new year ahead.

I am deeply grateful for each of you, for your commitment to our parish community, and for your continued prayers and support. Together, we continue to build a vibrant, loving, and welcoming community of faith. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your homes and hearts this Christmas and throughout the year.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and may the peace of Christ dwell with you now and always.

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Cryton Outschoorn

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Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm
Lector.....Christine Kobylski
EMC.....Carol Cauley
Servers.....Katelyn & Aron Browne
Ushers.....Dennis Franek & Jim Cauley
Musician.....Heidi Finucan

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 am
Lector.....Terri Donnelly
EMC.....Terri Donnelly
Servers.....Nellie Jo Erickson,
Anton Erickson & Brian Fox
Ushers.....TBD
Musician.....Heidi Finucan

Wednesday, December 25, 1:00 pm
Lector.....Zach Housworth
EMC.....Zach Housworth
Server.....Brian Fox
Ushers.....Rodney Senzig

Financial Stewardship

December 15, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1517.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Offertory.....	\$622.00
Immaculate Solemnity.....	\$49.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$105.00
Christmas.....	\$500.00
<u>Votive candles</u>	<u>\$18.50</u>
Total	\$2,815.50

(161 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$73,845.34

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 28, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Steve Hesprich
EMC.....Steve Hesprich
Servers.....TBD
Ushers.....Jasan Franek
Gary Fuller & Jim McGowan
Gift Bearers.....Fitzgerald Family
Musician.....TBD

Sunday, December 29, 9:00 am

Lector.....Mick McCormick
EMC.....Ken Engevoled
Joan Holig-McCormick
Servers.....Karina,
Amanda & Karol Strzemecka
Ushers.....Matt Leja, Craig Kobylski
Mark Walsh & Connie Walsh
Gift Bearers.....Mick & Joan McCormick
Musician.....Heidi Finucan

Sunday, December 29, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Terri Donnelly
EMC.....Terri Donnelly
Ushers.....Zach Housworth



CCD | Kid's Corner



This week's CCD
 Student of the Week is:
Arabella Edwards

Grade 1

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

A: I like decorating our Christmas tree.

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent MI 5:1-4A; PS 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10: 5-10; LK 1: 39-45 | Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life. Today's Gospel passage from Luke vividly describes Mary's immediate actions after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. She hurriedly traveled to the hill country to a town in Judah... and greeted Elizabeth. This swift and selfless act of thinking of others before herself models two pillars of stewardship—Hospitality and Service. What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. The joy this hospitality and service brings Elizabeth is a testament to the uplifting power of serving others. Our Blessed Mother's example of stewardship is one that we, her children, can follow in our lives today. With all the gifts God gives us—our time, talents, and material possessions—we can also offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will not only spread the Good News of the Gospel, but we will be significant contributors to the world around us today. As we follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother, we too will be stewards after her own heart, responsible and engaged in the service of others.