SAINT MARY'S

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

117 JUNEAU STREET N. • LYNDON STATION, WI 53944

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 29, 2024 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

Luke 2:46-47

Parish Events

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5

Christmas Decorations Cleanup

January 5, 3pm

Ladies Sodality Meeting

January 9, 1pm St Bridget's Hall

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 31 5:30 pm

† Captain Marie Senzig

By: Al & Arris Sullivan

Wednesday,

January 1

Holy Day of Obligation

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration &

Benediction In Thanksgiving

7:00 pm

By: Bill & Raymonda Blank

Thursday, 8:30 am

January 2 † Wally Pastava By: Zofia & Matt Leja

Friday, January 3 8:30 am † Jeff Lankey

By: Peter & Linda Lochner

Saturday, 7:00 pm

January 4 † Joe Wibbs

By: Leo & Jeanette Crowley

Sunday, 9:00 am

January 5 † Sterling Walsh

By: Wendy Bill

1:00 pm Parishioner Mass

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday Jan 1, instead the office will be open Thursday Jan 2.

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Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Confessions

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

Secretary Office Hours

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Monday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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:

Dear Beloved,

New Year Message in the Spirit of the Holy Family

As we begin the new year of 2025, I extend my warmest blessings to each of you and your families. This is a time for fresh beginnings, renewed hope, and a deepened commitment to living out our faith.

Inspiration: As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family this weekend, let us draw inspiration from Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Their lives teach us the beauty of trust in God, the strength of family unity, and the importance of love and humility in our daily relationships.

Model: In the Holy Family, we see a model of holiness within the ordinary. Their home was a place of prayer, work, and love—a reminder that God is present in the simple moments of our lives. As we step into this new year, let us strive to make our homes places of faith and peace, where God's presence is felt and shared.

Challenges: The challenges and uncertainties we may face in 2025 can be met with the same trust and perseverance that Joseph and Mary showed as they cared for Jesus. Let us embrace the year ahead with their courage, seeking to grow closer to one another and to God.

Commitment: As a parish family, let us commit ourselves to supporting one another, walking together in faith, and building a community that reflects the love and unity of the Holy Family. I invite you to begin this new chapter with prayer and gratitude, asking God to bless our endeavors, heal our wounds, and guide our steps. May this be a year of growth, service, and joy for our parish family.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and grace-filled New Year!

<u>A Note:</u> A package of materials on enthronement of Sacred Heart of Jesus at your house, are available in the church vestibule. You may take one for a family. Sign up if you need the help of Fr. Cryton or Deacon Tom. These prayers can be led by the head of the family as well.

• You may also sign up, if you like to have the travelling statue (Sacred heart) at your houses.



Pope Francis opens Holy Door inaugurating 2025 Jubilee | Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica thereby officially inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. He reassures during his Christmas evening Mass that the Christ Child of Bethlehem offers the world infinite hope and joy. *To read more on the 2025 Jubilee inauguration visit https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-12/pope-francis-opens-holy-door-ushering-in-the-jubilee-of-hope.html*

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE | The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the "true model of life" (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. (https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-holy-family-of-jesus--mary-and-joseph-.html)

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.

We are refreshing the names on this list to maintain accuracy. If you or someone you know would like to be included on the prayer list starting with the Bulletin on January 5th, please notify us at bulletin@stmlys.diolcparish.org. All other names will be removed from the prayer list. Every 3 months we will refresh the names to stay current.

"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.

Dec 22 **Jesus came into the world to save us.** | Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." Because there was no room in the inn (motel) Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which is significant because it is a feeding trough for animals. This was all part of God's plan for His birth on earth, to point to

the fact that Jesus came to save us. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to give us Himself as food – He literally is the Bread of Life – supernatural bread (this is Jesus Himself) that saves us, that spiritually nourishes and strengthens us with His grace. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as our Savior. This week, read how the birth of Jesus took place in Luke 2: 1-7

Dec. 29 Jesus came into the world as part of a Family | The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph allows us to see the Holy Family of Nazareth as the "true model of life" (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life. The power of God's grace needed for family life comes to us through receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. Let us be faithful during this beautiful season of Christmas and beyond in attending Sunday Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as part of a family, providing a model for families to navigate a culture that rejects God. This week, read about the difficulty that the Holy Family experienced when they were separated from Jesus for three days in Luke 2:41-52.

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.

Annual Pro-Life Events | Every January, thousands of pilgrims travel to Washington to pray together for an increase in respect for the dignity of every human life at the National Prayer Vigil for Life.. The National Prayer Vigil for Lief is a pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January since 1979. Thousands of pilgrims from across the nation pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. To learn more visit: https://www.usccb.org/prolife/annual-pro-life-events

The Christmas bags have been delivered to shut ins in our community. These were appreciated by everyone who received them. Thank you for those who helped make this possible.

January & February Ministry Schedules are available in the back of church.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$21,405.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$10,190.56 Percent of Goal Pledged: 47.61% Number of Donors: 47

> Inspired By the Spirit Goal: \$160.000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$95,570.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.73% Number of Donors: 36

Financial Stewardship

December 22, 2024

(162 registered families)

\$2,755.00

Total

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$76,600.34

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 4, 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 5, 9:00 am

Sunday, January 5, 1:00 pm

Musician.....Heidi Finucan



~ <u>ACH Giving</u> ~ 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.diolcparish.org

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 29, 2024 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 OR 1 SM 1: 20,22, 24-28; PS 128: 1-5 OR PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; COL 3:12-21 OR COL 3: 12-17; OR 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24; LK 2:41-52 | Just like our own, the Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children face today. In them, we find a relatable model of stewardship for our own family lives. The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practices of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully. We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, praying with our family every day, regularly celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and observing the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar in our family life. When we, as families, prioritize our time with God and worship Him, we will imitate the Holy Family. On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us rekindle the beauty and importance of family life. Let's make a firm commitment to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.