



# SAINT MARY'S

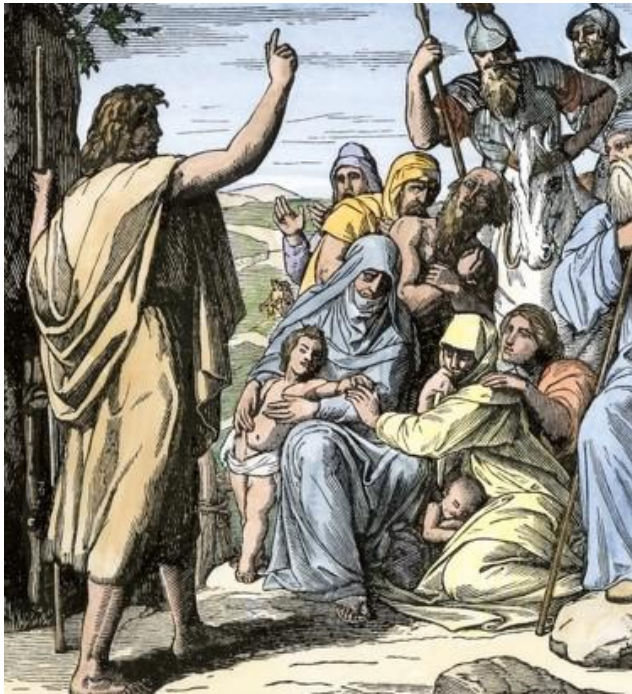


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## December 8, 2024 - The Second Sunday of Advent



...the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the lord, make straight his paths.'"

Luke 3:2-4

### Mass Intentions

- Monday, 7:00 pm**  
December 9  
George Morrison  
By: Morrison Family
- Tuesday, 5:30 pm**  
December 10  
† Franciszek 'Frank' Klejka  
By: Family
- Wednesday, 6:30 pm**  
December 11  
† Mary Claire Marshall  
By: Don & Marcy Krogh
- Thursday, 8:30 am**  
December 12  
† John 'Jack' Smart  
By: Rita Smart & Family
- Friday, 8:30 am**  
December 13  
† Mary Jean Cauley  
By: Maurice & Margaret Gurgel
- Saturday, 7:00 pm**  
December 14  
† Cheri Reimer  
By: Pete & Linda Lochner
- Sunday, 9:00 am**  
December 15  
Parishioner Mass
- 1:00 pm**  
† Joseph Szwab, Wolter & Anna Wrobel, Leo Wrobel, & Maria Wrobel  
By: Stella Szwab

### Parish Events

- Cookie Walk!!!**  
Before and after 7pm and 9am masses this weekend
- Christmas Brunch**  
December 8 after 9am Mass
- Mass for the Blessed Virgin (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
December 9, 7pm
- Confessions**  
December 11  
After 6:30pm Mass
- 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](#)

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

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Wednesday 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:

### “He Loved Us” Encyclical by Pope Francis, continues...

“**He loved us**”, Saint Paul says of Christ (*Rom 8:37*), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever “**separate us**” from that love (*Rom 8:39*”. The Encyclical is dedicated to the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ: “**His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us His love and friendship,**” the Pope writes in the introductory paragraph. “**For ‘He loved us first’** (*1 Jn 4:10*). Because of Jesus, “**we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us**” (*1 Jn 4:16*).” Let us reflect the second and the third chapters of the encyclical this weekend.

### Chapter 2: Actions and Words of Love

In Chapter 2, Pope Francis shows how the heart of Jesus, beyond being a symbol, is the foundation of the Gospel’s message: “**The heart of Christ, as the symbol of the deepest and most personal source of his love for us, is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel. It stands at the origin of our faith, as the wellspring that refreshes and enlivens our Christian beliefs**” (#32).

Jesus’ encounters in the Gospels, whether comforting the sick or forgiving sinners, demonstrate the depth of God’s love through personal and compassionate actions. The Pope highlights Jesus’ ability to see deeply into people’s hearts, as in his transformative gaze toward the rich young man (#32-43). Through Jesus’ humanity, his emotions, his grief, and ultimately, his sacrifice on the cross, his heart becomes the most eloquent “**word of love**” (#46). Francis challenges us to make Christ’s sacrificial love the center of our lives, just as Saint Paul did when he proclaimed, “**The Son of God... loved me and gave himself for me**” (*Gal 2:20*).

### Chapter 3: This Is the Heart That Has Loved So Greatly

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is not just about venerating an image but engaging in a living relationship with Christ himself. In Chapter 3, Pope Francis explains how the heart of Jesus symbolizes boundless divine and human love, calling us into personal intimacy. This devotion, deeply rooted in Trinitarian love, draws us into a relationship where divine and human love meet in Christ (#48-54).

Through the Sacred Heart, we encounter Christ not as an abstract idea but as a living Savior who invites us into trust and dialogue. Pope Francis writes, “**The venerable image portraying Christ holding out his loving heart... invites us to encounter, dialogue, and trust**” (#54). Francis encourages believers to embrace this devotion, urging everyone to echo the prayer of St. Thérèse of Lisieux: “**Jesus, I trust in you**” (#75-90).

*(The summary is taken from the Vatican news and final chapters to be continued).*

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.

Wednesday, December 11th, Mass will be at 6:30pm. Following mass, Father will be holding confessions for CCD children and parishioners.

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 so that we might know God’s love.** | It is deeply moving to read these words from Scripture: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (*John 3:16*). During this holy season of Advent, we want to take time to ponder the meaning of Christmas, as proof of God’s love for us. The Nativity of Our Lord celebrates the point in history when the Son of God took on human flesh for our Salvation – an act of loving obedience to the Father, and saving love for us, in order to offer Himself for us on the Cross, and now, give Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, help me to realize how much You love me in that You sent Your Son on the first Christmas as my Savior. This week, read how the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that She would be the Mother of our Savior in *Luke 1:26-38*.

We would like to thank Marie Senzig for her generous donation that she left the parish after her passing. She continues to remain in our thoughts and prayers.

It is with deepest sympathies that we inform you that Lawrence ‘Larry’ Hadac passed away on December 3rd. Our prayers are with the family through this difficult time.

**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. Mary's, Lyndon Station**  
**Advent Confessions**  
**Wednesday, December 11**  
**after 6:30pm mass**  
**Father & Guest Priest(s)**

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

with Individual Confession  
 Tuesday, December 10 6pm  
**St Paul's**, New Lisbon  
 Penitential Service Friday,  
 December 20 6:30pm

**St. Cecilia'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!!!**



Last weekend Father spoke on the Bishop's three year plan for our diocese, and that this year will be the year of the Sacred Heart of Jesus where we will enthrone the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our homes. As not all may be familiar with this practice, we would like to share some information on it:

*Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that He "will bless the home in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored." When we enthrone (display) the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a prominent place and signify that Jesus is the King, friend and brother of the family, we are responding to the invitation of the Church to make our homes "Domestic Churches", wherein Jesus is the center and source of love for all. As the sanctuary church lamp reminds us of Christ's presence in the tabernacle, the enthroned image of the Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus is among us and with us. By this covenant we make our homes and hearts His tabernacle. In an Enthronement ceremony, a blessed picture or a statute of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is used. Any image is usable, as long as it replicates what St. Margaret Mary described seeing when Our Lord appeared to her:*

- Around His Heart is a crown of thorns.
- There is a wound, from the soldier's spear, showing that our sins hurt Him in the Heart.
- The flames coming from His Heart show the intensity of His Love.
- Above the flames is a cross showing that His Love for us was so great that He died for us.

For more information please visit: [sacredheartapostolate.com/enthronements/](http://sacredheartapostolate.com/enthronements/)

<u>Diocesan Annual Appeal</u>	
Goal: \$21,405.00	
Total Pledged & Received:	\$8,346.21
Percent of Goal Pledged:	38.99%
Number of Donors:	37
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Goal: \$160,000.00	
Total Pledged & Received:	\$95,570.00
Percent of Goal Pledged:	59.73%
Number of Donors:	36

<b><u>Financial Stewardship</u></b>	
<b>December 1, 2024</b>	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$2521.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$6.00
Offertory.....	\$704.10
<u>Votive candles.....</u>	<u>\$57.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,288.10</b>
(161 registered families)	
<u>Fiscal year-to-date</u>	
Contributed.....	\$71,029.84

<b><u>Liturgical Roles</u></b>	
<b>Saturday, December 14, 7:00 pm</b>	
<b>Lector.....</b>	Joyce Fuller
<b>EMC.....</b>	Joyce Fuller
<b>Servers.....</b>	Stella & Bennett Finucan
<b>Ushers.....</b>	Jasan Franek
.....	Dan McGowan & Gary Fuller
<b>Gift Bearers.....</b>	Pete & Linda Lochner
<b>Musician.....</b>	Heidi Finucan

<b>Sunday, December 15, 9:00 am</b>	
<b>Lector.....</b>	Sheri Guysie
<b>EMC.....</b>	Ken Engevoid
.....	Joan Holig-McCormick
<b>Servers.....</b>	Brian Fox,
.....	Loretta & William Schanke
<b>Ushers.....</b>	Pat Calvey, Matt Leja,
.....	Craig Kobylski & Earl Verette
<b>Gift Bearers.....</b>	Moore Family
<b>Musician.....</b>	Jade Pusel

<b>Sunday, December 15, 1:00 pm</b>	
<b>Lector.....</b>	Marcy Krogh
<b>EMC.....</b>	Marcy Krogh
<b>Ushers.....</b>	Zach Housworth

**Community Events:**  
**Christmas Open House**  
**At The Boorman House**  
 (Juneau County Historical Society)  
 December 8 from 12:00-7:00 each day.

**Holiday Train**  
 Mauston - December 9th 4:15pm  
**Mauston-Lyndon Station Sharing Supper**  
 Mauston High School  
 December 12, opens at 4pm, Meals served 5-6pm, Bank of Mauston is the food

sponsor, St Mary's choir providing entertainment.  
**Book Sale**  
 Hatch Public Library  
 Mauston has a Friends of the Library Book Sale December 14, 9am-2pm, Santa will be there!

**Holiday Market**  
 Woodside Ranch & Convention Center, Mauston  
 December 14th 10am -3pm  
**Jingle & Mingle!**  
 Mile Bluff Medical Center  
 December 18 4:30-6:30pm

**DON'T FORGET THE COOKIE WALK THIS WEEKEND BEFORE AND AFTER MASS!!!**



## CCD | Kid's Corner

This week's CCD  
 Student of the Week is:  
**Ivan Madland**

Grade 1  
 Q: What is your favorite thing about getting ready for Christmas?  
 A: I like that the Elf on the Shelf is at my house.



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**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent BAR 5:1-9; PS 126: 1-6; PHIL 1: 4-6, 8-11; LK 3: 1-6** | The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for Christ's two "comings" — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a beautiful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He returns, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surrounds us (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now. The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed God's love for humanity is as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person. He appointed John the Baptist to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate with joy this first 'coming' on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance. Let's reaffirm our commitment to turn away from bad habits or sins that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ this Advent. Our turning toward Christ is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer in relationship with Christ and imitating Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.