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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.

January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2:10-11

Parish Events
Christmas Decorations Cleanup
January 5, 4pm
Ladies Sodality Meeting
January 9, 1pm
St Bridget's Hall
The Baptism of the Lord
January 12

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 5:30 pm
January 7
† Rodney Babcock

Wednesday, 7:00 pm
January 8
† Walter Pawlikowski
By: Jim & Judy Hall

Thursday, 8:30 am
January 9
† Eugene Fitzgerald
By: Doris Nerat

Friday, 8:30 am
January 10
† Ralph Hamm
By: Family

Saturday, 7:00 pm
January 11
† Anna McGowan
By: McGowan Family

Sunday, 9:00 am
January 12
Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm
† Ed & Marion Walsh

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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:

Epiphany – A Call to Seek the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded of the profound journey of the Magi, who followed the light of the star in search of the newborn King. Their journey is a powerful reflection of our own call to seek—to seek God, truth, purpose, and a deeper relationship with our Creator. The story of the Magi teaches us three lessons about this sacred call to seek:

1. Seeking Requires Faith and Courage

The Magi stepped into the unknown, trusting that the star would guide them to something extraordinary. Similarly, our call to seek often requires stepping out of our comfort zones and trusting in God's guidance, even when the path is unclear.

2. Seeking Demands Perseverance

The journey of the Magi was long and filled with challenges, but they persisted. In our lives, seeking God is not always easy. There may be moments of doubt, distraction, or difficulty, but like the Magi, we are called to persevere, knowing the reward of finding Christ is greater than any struggle.

3. Seeking Leads to Worship and Transformation

When the Magi finally found the Christ Child, they bowed in worship and presented their gifts. True seeking leads us to moments of awe, gratitude, and surrender. It transforms our hearts and compels us to offer our very best to God.

This Epiphany, I encourage you to reflect on your own journey of seeking. Where is God calling you to follow His light? What obstacles must you overcome to draw closer to Him? And how can you, like the Magi, respond with faith, perseverance, and worship?

As we begin this new year, may we embrace the call to seek with open hearts and steadfast spirits. Let us be guided by the light of Christ, allowing it to lead us to deeper faith, renewed hope, and transformative love.



A Minute with Jesus: Wise men came to worship Jesus | Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The Magi gave precious gifts to adore the Christ Child, which reveal this holy Child's identity; God becoming man: gold for Christ's kingship, frankincense for His divinity and myrrh for His anointing after His sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts. Thank You for giving us the most precious Gift of Yourself in the Eucharist. This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12

St. Mary's Jubilee History Book - The St. Mary's Jubilee History Book is still available for \$20 in the Narthex. This book is filled with inspiring photos, rich history and historic memories.

Notice: Due to the increase of illness going around, the wine cup will not be shared at mass for a few weeks

St. Philomena Mass | St. Mary Help of
Christians Catholic Church, Briggsville
Friday, January 10th
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 - 10:30 am
Mass 11am, Lunch to follow



Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic and joining the Church? For upcoming RCIA classes please contact Deacon Tom deacontomhale@gmail.com or the Parish Office 608-666-2421

Called to More | What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S., Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Or call me at 608-791-2667. God Bless You!



St. Mary's Prayer List | Please pray for Jerry Scully, for 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 please notify us at bulletin@stmlys.diolcparish.org. 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.

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 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.

Jubilee 2025: New Year's Resolutions and Resources
Here are some suggestions for how we can make this jubilee year a time of spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church

- Deepen your understanding of Christian hope.
- Frame each day with the Church's official daily prayer.
- Immerse yourself in the Bible.
- Get in touch with the saints.
- Dig into the Nicene Creed.
- Make a regular Holy Hour.
- Rediscover the hope in the sacrament of penance.

For more information and literature on each of these items visit the National Catholic Register webpage: <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/jubilee-2025-new-year-resolutions-george-weigel>

Save the Date! Men of the Cross: Forgiveness and Freedom | Will be held March 8, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. We are excited to have Bob Kroll as our keynote speaker and Mass with Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!

Upcoming Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille \Retro- vi\Marriage Help Program | Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

Community Events

Move & Groove

Sing, dance and make music during this high-energy, active program.

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Hatch Public Library

January 17, 10am

Out WI Go

For Free Fishing Weekend

January 18-19

March For Life - Mauston

Juneau County Courthouse

January 26, 1 - 2:30pm

Sharing Supper Mauston / Lyndon Station

Mauston High School

January 30, 5-6pm Meal

4pm Kids crafts & Games

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Financial Stewardship

December 29, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3161.00
Offertory.....	\$684.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$16.00
Christmas.....	\$3662.00
Christmas Offertory.....	\$1069.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$25.00
Flowers.....	\$20.00
Votive candles.....	\$79.00
Total	\$8,716.00

(163 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$85,316.34

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 11, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Paul Zajackowski
Servers.....Katelyn & Aron Browne
Ushers.....Matt McGowan
.....Dennis Franek & Jason Franek
Gift Bearers.....McGowan Family
Musician.....Ella Franek / Jade Pusel

Sunday, January 5, 9:00 am

Lector.....Sheri Guyse
Servers.....Nellie Jo Erickson
.....Anton Erickson & Brian Fox
Ushers.....Tom Guyse, Earl Verette,
.....Tony Oldigs & Tom Kowalke
Gift Bearers.....Kevin Heimerl & Kristi Seidl
Musician.....Heidi Finucan

Sunday, January 5, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Marcy Krogh
Ushers.....Zach Housworth

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection January 5, 2025 — The Epiphany Of The Lord IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12 | Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries, we Catholics celebrated this Feast on January 6. Still, many years ago, the decision was made (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." On this day, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially, Christmas is not over. The Church recommends that on this day, those who display a crèche, a nativity, or a manger scene should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled and their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day. At Christmas, the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day, the Lord is revealed to all nations and the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we must understand everything that is happening and what it means. This star represents the Light of Christ, a Light which we honor and commemorate today. Right now, we are called to be the Light of Christ to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way, we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be. The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."