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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.

## February 23, 2025 - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:27-31

### Parish Events

**Building & Grounds Maintenance Meeting**  
Tuesday March 4th 6:30pm

**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday March 5th

**Pancake Breakfast**  
By Knights of Columbus  
Sunday March 9th  
After 9am Mass

**Sacred Worship Meeting**  
St Bridget Hall  
Tuesday March 11th 6:30pm

**Ladies Sodality Elections**  
Thursday March 13, 1pm

**Finance Council Meeting**  
St Bridget Hall  
Thursday March 13th 6:30

**Parish Council Meeting**  
St Bridget Hall  
Thursday March 13th 7:30pm

**Palm Sunday**  
Sunday April 13

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Sunday April 27

**May Crowning and First Communion**  
Sunday May 4

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday,**  
5:30 pm

**February 25**  
† John Hall  
By: Jim & Judy Hall

**Wednesday,**  
8:30 am

**February 26**  
† Bob Walsh  
By: Family

**Thursday,**  
8:30 am

**February 27**  
† Rodney Hammon  
By: Keith Heiser

**Friday,**  
8:30 am

**February 28**  
† Marie Senzig  
By: Vicki McGowan & Linda Lochner

**Saturday,**  
7:00 pm

**March 1**  
Rylee Crowley  
By: Jim & Rochelle Crowley

**Sunday,**  
1:00 pm

**March 2**  
† Duane Franek  
By: Pete & Linda Lochner

9:00 am

Parishioner Mass

### PARISH OFFICE

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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  
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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

## Being Close to God - The Foundation of True Joy and Fulfillment

**Being close to God** gives people a sense of purpose, peace, and guidance in life. Many find that a strong relationship with God helps them navigate challenges, find meaning in their struggles, and develop inner strength. It provides comfort in times of pain, clarity in times of confusion, and hope in times of despair. Beyond personal benefits, being close to God encourages love, kindness, and compassion toward others. It helps shape moral values, fosters gratitude, and deepens one's understanding of life beyond material things. For many, it's the foundation of true joy and fulfillment.

Today, think about how close to God you feel. Do you really feel God is with you and that He knows and cares about you? Do you feel God is really involved in your life, or do you feel He is far away from you? Dennis Abernathy gives Four simple steps you can take to get closer to God.

**First, decide you really want to be close to God:** James 1:7-8 speaks of a "double-minded" man who really hasn't made up his mind about what he wants. The Bible says that man should not expect to receive anything from God! Yes, to get close to God, you must decide you really want to.

**Second, do the will of God:** Jesus said: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." (John 14:23)

**Third, listen to God every day:** As you read and meditate on the Scriptures daily, you will find that the Word of God, the Scriptures, is very persuasive and compelling. The Scriptures have drawing power, and they will draw you closer to God. In Isaiah 55:3, God Himself said: "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live."

**Fourth, speak to God every day:** Jesus often spoke to His Father in prayer, sometimes rising before dawn to find a quiet place and time. On at least one occasion He spent an entire night in prayer. We desperately need to recognize our need for prayer. As we share our burdens and needs with God, we will find ourselves being drawn closer and closer to Him.

\*\*\*Reminder: There is a basket in the vestibule to collect palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday's Mass.\*\*\*

### Community Events

**Healthy Bones, Healthy You with Natty Kranz, RN | Hatch Public Library**  
February 25 1pm

**Preparedness Trainings \*FREE\* | Lyndon Station Village Hall | February 25 | 5-7pm, Registration:**  
<https://forms.gle/CBbdJBZFAVtBhoVP6>  
**Sharing Supper Mauston/Lyndon Station | Mauston High School, February 27, 5-6pm Meal, 4pm Kids crafts & games**

### **Healing Service at Sacred Hearth Catholic Church in Cashton March 3**

You are invited to a Healing Service on Monday, March 3 at Sacred Hearth Catholic Church, Cashton. This special evening offers an opportunity to experience God's grace through prayer, worship, and individual prayer ministry. All are welcome to attend.

4:30pm - Adoration and Confession      5:30pm Mass  
6pm Corporate Prayer for Healing      7pm Individual Healing Ministry  
9pm Closing      Feel free to join as your schedule allows as times are approximate.

For more information contact: Sara Clements 608-385-5283



## St Mary's RCIA Rite of Sending

*Catechumens who participate in the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election have been discerned ready and eligible for full initiation at this year's Easter Vigil.*

Pictured:

Candidate Madelyn Hanson  
Sponsor Arthur Dethloff  
Candidate Darren Honnold  
Sponsor Kelly Honnold



**Ladies Sodality Elections** | The positions of President and Secretary are up for election this year. If you are interested in either position, please contact Linda Lochner 847-867-4941 or Vicki McGowan 608-547-2426. Voting will be held at the next meeting on Thursday, March 13th 1pm!

**HELP NEEDED** | We are looking for one or two people willing to assist with soliciting basket raffle items that are needed for our annual parish festival basket raffle from the community. If you are interested in assisting or have any questions please contact Linda Lochner 847-867-4941.

Lent is right around the corner! 2025 Fish Frynder is live! Go to: [diolc.org/fishfrynder/](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder/)



**A Minute with Jesus: We need God's help to believe** | The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is Jesus' body and blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully because this mystery is of God, Who is infinite. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the holy Eucharist. This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1 Cor 11:23-26.

**Men of the Cross "Freedom in Forgiveness" | March 8, 2025** | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse | Our relationship with Christ is many things. He is your refuge, someone to celebrate your joys, mourn with you in your sorrows and is the one to break the chains that bind you and set you free. What are the chains that bind you? The world tries to convince you that the baggage you carry is not too heavy and that you probably deserve to carry that burden. But that is a lie. Christ wants you to be set free. There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you have been carrying around the same burden for a long time. Maybe you really don't understand forgiveness, how to forgive others or how to forgive yourself. You may have forgotten what it feels like to be free. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, allowing them to help other men break the chains that bind them so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us.

**Details:**  
 What: Men of the Cross: "Freedom in Forgiveness"  
 Who: All men (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.)  
 When: March 8, 2025  
 Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, La Crosse, WI  
 Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch!)  
 Registration: [menofthecross.org](http://menofthecross.org)  
 Speakers: Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby

**Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus  
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Tickets \$5.00 each. 100% go to charities in Wisconsin!

Drawing held Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at 7:15 PM at KI Convention Center, Green Bay  
 Winners will be posted on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Website within 48 hours.

Ticket Contact: Steve Powers 608-847-5117 / [sdjwpowers@hotmail.com](mailto:sdjwpowers@hotmail.com) or Ted Czajkowski 847-721-3486 / [tedczajkowski@netscape.net](mailto:tedczajkowski@netscape.net)

**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](mailto:bulletin@stmlys.diolcparish.org). Every 3 months we will refresh the names to stay current.\*\*\**

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**  
 Goal: \$21,405.00  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$11,230.56  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 52.47%  
 Number of Donors: 52  
**Inspired By the Spirit**  
 Goal: \$160,000.00  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$95,720.00  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.83%  
 Number of Donors: 36

**Financial Stewardship**

**February 16, 2025**

Adult Envelopes.....\$1520.00  
 Offertory.....\$327.00  
 Student Envelopes.....\$5.00  
 Utility Envelopes.....\$5.00  
Votive candles.....\$63.00  
 Total \$1,920.00  
 (163 registered families)  
Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$109,064.37

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, March 1, 7:00 pm**

Lector.....Katelyn Browne  
 Servers.....Aron Browne  
 Ushers.....Jim McGowan,  
 .....Dennis Franek & Gary Fuller  
 Gift Bearers.....Leo & Jeanette Crowley  
 Musician.....TBD

**Sunday, March 2, 9:00 am**

Lector.....Kevin Heimerl  
 Servers.....Karol,  
 .....Amanda & Karina Strzemecka  
 Ushers.....Bob Dethloff, Tony Oldigs,  
 .....Craig Kobylski & Tom Kowalke  
 Gift Bearers.....Dennis & Donna Franek  
 Musician.....Jade Pusel

**Sunday, March 2, 1:00 pm**

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



**CCD | Kid's Corner**



This week's CCD  
 Student of the Week is:  
**Abby Hall**

Grade: 6

Q: What is your favorite thing about mass?

A: I really like the music.

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 **Stewardship Bulletin Reflection February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 SM 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; PS 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 COR 15: 45-49; LK 6: 27-38** | In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours, do not demand it back." At first glance, Jesus's teachings may seem unfair. However, when we shift our perspective and view this way of life through the lens of stewardship, it becomes doable (though challenging) and starts to make perfect sense. A steward clearly understands that all he has and is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. Recognizing that one's own life itself is a gift changes everything! Then one understands this means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and "my" time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and glory. So, does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the following verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His image and likeness. Jesus asks that we approach others and share our gifts with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition of real love, a steward's love that is not just about giving but about sharing with the understanding that all we have is ultimately God's, and we are merely stewards of His gifts.