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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 9, 2025 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Luke 5:7-10

### Parish Events

#### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Council Meeting**

St Bridget's Hall

Tuesday February 18, 6:30pm

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday March 5th

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

By Knights of Columbus

Sunday March 9th

#### **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 11**

† Marion Walsh

**Wednesday,**

8:30 am

**February 12**

Vivian Bires

By: Dzewior Family

**Thursday,**

8:30 am

**February 13**

† Tim Delmore

By: Leo & Jeanette Crowley

**Friday,**

8:30 am

**February 14**

† Marjorie Senzig

By: Dave & Sharon Bingenheimer

**Saturday,**

7:00 pm

**February 15**

† Mary Jean Crowley

By: Rita Hall

**Sunday,**

9:00 am

**February 16**

† Rita Smith

By: Jim & Carol Cauley

1:00 pm

Parishioner Mass

### PARISH OFFICE

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#### **Priest Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

#### **Confessions**

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00

pm

\*\*And by appointment\*

#### **Secretary Office Hours**

608-666-2421

Monday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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



## Diocese of La Crosse

Office of the Bishop

### **A devout Catholic...**

Recently, the Vice-President offered what seems to be a repeated trope these days, viz., the Catholic Church is increasing her financial health by accepting grants from the federal government. Our government asks to use our on the ground expertise to assist migrants. Not only do we not get rich from this association but we actually spend more than any of the government grants contribute. We do what the government won't or can't. We don't ask about a migrant's status when someone approaches us who is hungry, thirsty or in need of shelter. We serve Christ, following the biblical imperative: whatsoever you do to the least of my people... cf. Matthew 25:40-45). Perhaps you don't know this, but the Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services in the world, and only second in the United States, behind the federal government. You should be proud of the fact that together by God's grace we accomplish much in answering the scriptural mandate to love. Cardinal Dolan replied to the Vice President perfectly, he called Vance's assertion, a scurrilous lie. As I told Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene who made a similar accusation, the Church is not in charge of the border, the federal government is, time to quit the sleight of hand Congress and do your job.

What intrigued me was not the accusation from the Vice-President but the assertion that, and this somehow justified their positions, they were devout Catholics. President Biden repeatedly asserted this about himself. It seems to me to be a rather unusual thing to say about oneself, kind of like asserting that you're extraordinarily handsome. The appellation so it would seem come from others who viewed repeatedly one's integrity as a Catholic man or woman. Being a devout Catholic would seem to be a good thing to aim for in the life of discipleship, but is it? The only degree in the life of a Catholic is sanctity. There are saints, that is, those set apart for Christ and on the path of sanctity and those who by their own choices are not. Being a devout Catholic is simply being Catholic, only heroism whose ardor is given by God, sets one apart as an exemplar of discipleship, that's what we call a saint. Each of us are called to be saints, it is said, it is the only real tragedy in life if we do not become so.

The people in my life who taught me the most about the journey of faith, taught me that it was not about them, not about me, it was about Jesus. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, without him we can do nothing (cf. John 15:5). Let Jesus make you a saint. Your job and mine is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to surrender to him that his plan may be accomplished in us, to say in wonder and with some trepidation with St. Peter: to whom shall we go Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (cf. John 6:68). To be a Catholic is a great gift from God. It is given to us so that you and I might be witnesses for others sake. Jesus gives a rather powerful commandment to those who profess their love for him: if you love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:15). Let's keep his commandments for love of him, lets forsake all other paths as good as they might seem, let's become the saints we're called to be, let's be Catholic.

Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby  
Bishop of La Crosse

## Community Events

### Lyndon Station

**Senior Meal Site Pop Up Event** | Lyndon Station Elementary School | February 12th, Doors open at 11:45am | Suggested Meal Donation \$5

**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

**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.\*\*\*

**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.

The handicap door system is now fixed at the side door of church

We are looking for an interim cleaner for the church and the rectory, if you are interested please contact the parish office for more information.



**A Minute with Jesus:** Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us.

Often times, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images to our minds that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine. This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it" (Gn. 28:10-17).

### **Evening of Hope | Feb. 22, 2025 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse**

On Feb. 22, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. At the end of the Mass, he will impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with benediction at 7:00 p.m.

Future Jubilee Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby include:

- Saturday, May 31, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour, Confession, and 4:00 p.m. Mass (Bishop Battersby as celebrant) at Sacred Heart Church, Eau Claire; Speaker, Fr. Daniel Sedlacek (Coincides with the Jubilee of Families in Rome).
- Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession at Resurrection Church, Wausau; Speaker, Fr. James Kurzynski (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion in Rome).

2025 Fish Frynder is live! Go to: [diolc.org/fishfrynder/](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder/)



## Financial Stewardship

### February 2, 2025

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2675.00
Offertory.....	\$441.25
Student Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$195.00
Votive candles.....	\$57.00

Total **\$3,372.25**  
(163 registered families)

### Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$103,974.36

## Liturgical Roles

### Saturday, February 15, 7:00 pm

**Lector**.....Steve Hesprich  
**Servers**.....Katelyn & Aron Browne  
**Ushers**.....Dennis Franek,  
.....Jasan Franek & Gary Fuller  
**Gift Bearers**.....McGowan Family  
**Musician**.....TBD

### Sunday, February 16, 9:00 am

**Lector**.....Jodi Nelson  
**Servers**.....Karol,  
.....Amanda & Karina Strzemecka  
**Ushers**.....Mark Walsh, Connie Walsh,  
.....Jim Cauley & Pat Cauley  
**Gift Bearers**.....Erickson Family  
**Musician**.....Jade Pusel

### Sunday, February 9, 1:00 pm

**Lector**.....Marcy Krogh  
**Ushers**.....Rodney Senzig

## CCD | Kid's Corner



This week's CCD  
Student of the Week is:  
**Rylee Crowley**

Grade: 3

Q: What do you enjoy about going to mass?

A: I like going to mass together with my family.



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**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection February 9, 2025 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**  
Time IS 6: 1-2A, 3-8; PS 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 COR 15:1-11 or 1 COR 15:3-8, 11; LK 5: 1-11

Our readings today are a powerful reminder of the profound privilege bestowed upon us with the privilege of being called children and disciples of the Most High God. The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord, proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" In His infinite love, our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Initially skeptical, Peter obeys and is in awe at the miraculous fish catch. He kneels before Jesus, his heart filled with wonder and reverence. This awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship approach. As we contemplate God's holiness, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am, Lord, send me!"



**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**