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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.

## May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



"My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:33-35

### Parish Events

#### **Confirmation Mass**

Tuesday, May 20, 6:00pm

#### **Memorial Mass at the Cemetery**

May 25, 9:00am

#### **Graduation Mass & Donut Sunday (Ladies Sodality)**

June 1, 9:00am

#### **Finance Council Meeting**

June 10, 6:30pm

#### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

June 10, 7:30pm

#### **Ladies Sodality Banquet**

June 17

#### **Corpus Christi**

June 22

#### **Assumption of our Lady (HDO)**

August 15

#### **3rd Anniversary of the KOC & St Mary's Ice Cream Social**

August 17

#### **Parish Festival**

August 31

#### **Pancake Breakfast (Knights of Columbus)**

October 26

### Mass Intentions

#### **May 20**

#### **Confirmation Mass**

† Bob Walsh

By: Knights of Columbus  
Solomon Juneau

#### **Tuesday,**

6:00 pm

#### **Wednesday,**

8:30 am

#### **May 21**

† Mary Claire Marshall

By: Gerald & Barbara Rogge

#### **Thursday,**

8:30 am

#### **May 22**

† Ralph Hamm

By: Family

#### **Friday,**

8:30 am

#### **May 23**

† David Guyse

By: Tom & Sheri Guyse

#### **Saturday,**

7:00 pm

#### **May 24**

† Duane Franek

By: Leo & Jeanette Crowley

#### **Sunday,**

9:00 am

#### **May 25**

† Mary Jean Cauley

By: Jim & Judy Hall

1:00 pm

Parishioner Mass

\*\*\*Reminder, next weekend's 9am Mass will be the Memorial Mass at the Cemetery as long as weather permits\*\*\*

### 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



## Quote from Pope Leo XIV.

"Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo. But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs. I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment. I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary. God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers and sisters.

And you, yes, you... are one of them."

**Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)**

**Washington State Attacks the Seal of Confession:** It's a long-standing and settled law in the U.S. that priest-penitent discussions are privileged private communications that can be withheld from legal authorities. To read on this current issue please visit the National Catholic Register at <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/washington-state-attacks-the-seal-of-confession>

**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](mailto: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](http://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 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

The Inaugural Mass of Pope Leo XIV to be held on May 18. For more information please visit: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/inaugural-mass-of-pope-leo-xiv-to-be-held-on-may-18.html>

This Tuesday, May 20th, we wish to congratulate Bishop Battersby on the anniversary of his installation as La Crosse's 11th Bishop. We also wish him a Happy Birthday which he celebrated on the 15th!



### **Community Events**

#### **Senior Scam Presentation**

Hatch Public Library  
Call to Register 608-847-9371  
June 4, 9-11am

#### **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**


Voucher Distribution Dates  
June 10 & 11, 9am—Noon  
Juneau County ADRC

#### **Senior Meal Site Pop Up Events**

Lyndon Station Elementary School  
June 18, July 16 & August 20  
Ages 60+ Welcome!  
To Register call 608-847-9371

**2025 Music in the Park**  
Mondays at 6pm June, July & August at Riverside Park, Mauston

**St. Mary's Parish 2025-2027 Painting Restoration Project** | We're committed to continue restoring and revitalizing our beloved church which includes painting the church and restoring our pews. There are donation envelopes available in the vestibule as well as an offering box to collect donations and envelopes for this project. Each week we are updating the totals of pledged Pews and the percentage of our goal we have achieved in the box to the right. Together, let us work to ensure that our church remains a beautiful and welcoming sanctuary for generations to come, and a testament to our faith and commitment to our community. Please contact the parish office or the committee members for any questions or clarification on this project.

 **A Minute with Jesus: Confession – a preparation for receiving the Eucharist** | The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the holy Eucharist is by going to confession, also referred to as the sacrament of reconciliation, penance. We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere act of contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..." A person who knowingly and willingly commits a sin that is mortal – serious or grave – must receive the sacrament of reconciliation before receiving holy Communion in order to repair the severed relationship with Jesus. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins. This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

**St. Mary's Prayer List** | Please pray 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.  
*\*\*\*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)\*\*\**

**March for Life Wisconsin – This is BIG – Join us on June 14!** | The 2025 March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, June 14, 2025 will for the first time be hosted by all four major pro-life forces in the state – the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Wisconsin Family Council. Buses to the March, which will be held starting at 2:00 PM at the Capitol in Madison, will travel from around the state, including from Chippewa Falls, Onalaska, and Sparta. Cost is \$15/person or \$45/family and you may register at [marchforlifewisconsin.org](http://marchforlifewisconsin.org), or scan the QR code to the right. Come bear witness to the sanctity of human life as we march around the Capitol building and hear from inspiring



Action Alert on Behalf of our International Priests: Urge Congress to Support Foreign-Born Religious Men and Women and the Communities They Serve an increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon. Unfortunately, many parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions have already had to part with men and women who served them for years because of challenges with the Religious Worker Visa Program. To learn more, and to make your voice heard in favor of the bipartisan Religious Workforce Protection Act, visit [votervoice.net/USCCB/home](http://votervoice.net/USCCB/home). The Diocese of La Crosse is grateful for the ministry of nearly 30 international priests!



**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated on June 1st at the 9:00 am Mass. If your child will be graduating from either Eighth Grade or High School they are invited to be recognized that day. Please contact Sandy Madland (608) 393-2515 if your child will be able to participate.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit | May 30 - June 7, 2025** | A nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost is available for download here: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info) The focus of each day of the Novena is to pray for an increase of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are necessary to live the Christian life. It will be powerful if all are encouraged to join in as a parish to pray the Novena.

**Church Restoration Project**  
 Goal: \$230,000  
 Total Pledged: \$ 189,890.47  
 Total Received: \$ 116,937.47  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 82.56%  
 Number of Donors: 45  
 Total Pews Pledged: 43  
 Total Pews  
 Needing a Pledge: 25

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**  
 Goal: \$21,405.00  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$12,475.56  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 58.28%  
 Number of Donors: 55

**Inspired By the Spirit**  
 Goal: \$160,000.00  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$95,795.00  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.87%  
 Number of Donors: 36

## **Financial Stewardship**

**May 11, 2025**

Adult Envelopes.....\$1710.00  
 Offertory.....\$594.50  
 Student Envelopes.....\$3.00  
 Holy Days.....\$10.00  
 Votive candles.....\$71.00  
 Total \$2,388.50  
 (163 registered families)

**Fiscal year-to-date**

Contributed.....\$145,686.18

## **Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, May 24, 7:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Steve Hesprich  
**EMC**.....Steve Hesprich  
**Servers**.....  
**Ushers**.....Jasan Franek,  
 .....Matt McGowan & Jim McGowan  
**Gift Bearers**....Dennis & Donna Franek  
**Musician**.....

**Sunday, May 25, 9:00 am**

**Lector**.....Christine Kobylski  
**EMC**.....Joan Holig-McCormick  
 .....Carol Cauley  
**Servers**.....  
 .....  
**Ushers**.....Connie Walsh, Jim Cauley,  
 .....Pat Cauley & Pete Cauley  
**Gift Bearers**.....Erickson Family  
**Musician**.....Jade Pusel

**Sunday, May 25, 1:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Marcy Krogh  
**EMC**.....Marcy Krogh  
**Ushers**.....Zach Housworth



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 **Stewardship Bulletin Reflection May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter ACTS 14:21-27; PS 145:8-13; REV 21:1-5A; JN 13:21-22A, 34-35** Today's readings for this fifth Sunday of Easter are filled with inspiring and uplifting messages for us. Christian stewards. The Gospel of John includes this well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, you should also love one another." What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life! It sounds simple, but simple does not necessarily mean easy. How is Jesus calling us to love? He loved (and loves) serving and sacrificing His very life for us. This means we should demonstrate compassion, forgiveness, and selflessness in our interactions with others. That is a tall order, but we can strive to fulfill it daily. Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is challenging because it requires us to resist our selfish inclinations constantly. However, the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more space we create in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us with Himself, who is love itself. And amid the inevitable challenges that this way of life brings, we can find comfort in the assurance that the Lord, who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist as our strength and nourishment, is present with us every step of the way. As we face the challenges of living as Christian stewards, we can still rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season. We find great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.