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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.

September 21, 2025 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Luke 16:13

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***

Parish Events

Sacred Worship Meeting Tuesday, October 7 6:30pm **All Saints Day**

Saturday, November 1 All Soul's Day Sunday, November 2

Pancake Breakfast (Knights of Columbus)

> Sunday, November 2 After 9am Mass

Ladies Sodality Meeting November 13th, 1pm

Ladies Sodality Paint Night

November 18th

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 7 After 9am Mass Mark your calendars!

Immaculate Conception of Mary (HDO)

Monday December 8

Mass Intentions Tuesday. September 23 5:30 pm

† Bob Walsh By: Knights of Columbus

Solomon

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 am † Mary Claire Marshall

By: Ken & Mary Jo Engevald

Thursday, September 25 8:30 am

Juan Figueroavilla By: Alondra Figueroavilla

Friday, September 26 8:30 am † Gene Delmore

By: Betty Delmore

Saturday, September 27 7:00 pm

† Wally Postava By: Zofia & Matt Leja

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am

† Jospeh Szwab, † Wolter Anna Wrobel,

† Leo Wrobel & † Maria Wrobel

By: Stella Szwab

1:00 pm Parishioner Mass

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

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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 Fr. Cryton on Catechetical Sunday

"Always be ready to give an explanation for a reason for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15).

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the beautiful theme from First Peter: "Always be ready to give an explanation for a reason for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). These words remind us that our Catholic faith is not meant to be kept private, but shared with joy and conviction, especially within our own homes.

Today we gratefully recognize all our dedicated catechists who serve in our parish religious education programs and Catholic schools. Their commitment to passing on the treasures of our faith deserves our heartfelt appreciation and prayers. Please join me in thanking them for their generous service to our community.

However, Catechetical Sunday also calls us to remember a fundamental truth: parents and guardians are the primary catechists of their children. Long before a child enters a classroom, mothers and fathers are preparing the soil of their hearts, planting the first precious seeds of faith, and nurturing that faith day by day through their words, actions, and example.

Your Catholic home is the first and most important place where faith is transmitted. When you pray together as a family, when you live out Gospel values in your daily interactions, when you speak naturally about God's love and presence in your lives, you are doing the essential work of catechesis. You are helping your children develop that hope which St. Peter encourages us to be ready to explain.

I encourage all parents and guardians to embrace this sacred responsibility with confidence. You don't need to be theology experts – you simply need to be authentic witnesses to the faith that gives meaning to your life. Your children are watching, listening, and learning from you every day.

May this Catechetical Sunday inspire all of us – catechists, parents, and the entire parish community – to be ever more intentional about sharing the reason for our hope in Jesus Christ.

Million Monica's - My name is Jodi Nelson. I am a new member of the pastoral council. I want to invite you to come together to pray for ourselves and our children. Many of us have children who are struggling with their Catholic faith or have left the Church altogether. Saint Monica was an amazing woman of patience and perseverance. As the mother of Saint Augustine, she never gave up. Instead of trying to convince Augustine herself, she surrendered him entirely to God with unwavering prayer and placing complete trust in divine intervention. She saw the conversion of her son, who would become one of the greatest theologians and leaders of the Church. Monica's story reminds parents and believers worldwide that no soul is beyond the reach of God's grace. Please join me in praying to Saint Monica after the Tuesday evening Mass, October 7th. Thank you.

We are gathering photos for All Souls Day of those who have passed away within the last 12 months. To include your loved one, please mail, email or drop off an 8x10 photo to the parish office to be included in the display. Your loved one is not forgotten and St Mary's is here for you. You may also send a photo of an immediate family member of a parish member who passed away within the last 12 months, even if they are outside the parish.

October is Respect Life Month: In October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. Click here to view and download resources, or scan the QR code on the right. Watch for an article on Alliance Women's Clinic La Crosse in the upcoming Catholic Life Magazine and a video-recorded interview with Ginna Cross, founder of

Alliance, to be posted to the website in the first week of October.



Catholic Responses to Assassination of Charlie Kirk | As we grieve the brutal murder of Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, we recall that the center of his life was not politics, but his faith in Jesus Christ, which he unabashedly proclaimed. He was also a model of civil discourse, combining conviction with a readiness to listen to others and engage in respectful debate with those who opposed him. Father Mike Schmitz, Word on Fire's Evangelization and Culture Editor-in-Chief Tod Worner, Bishop Robert Barron and the founder of Real Life Catholic, Chris Stefanick have shared passionate reflections on Charlie's life, his faith in Jesus Christ and being an, "apostle of civil discourse."

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



This past Wednesday we started CCD, with that means we will start having student spotlight of the week again. Stay tuned for future photos and events from this year's students!





Stewardship Bulletin Reflection September 21, 2025 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time AM 8:4-7; PS 113:1-2, 4-8;1 TM 2:1-8; LK 16:1-13 or LK 6:10-13 After today's readings, we cannot say we haven't been warned about the dangers

of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is very clear today on the importance of putting Him first in all parts of our lives. We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has strong words for those who would exploit the poor and whose priorities are not in line with God's. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul provides the solution to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The solution is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Instead of focusing on Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself completely for our sake. That is how we should live. In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly priorities and eternal priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest but clever steward who is about to be fired when the master discovers the steward has been wasting his property. Realizing he will soon be unemployed, the clever steward reaches out to the debtors of his master to negotiate deals, making friends who will look out for him when he loses his job. What if we applied that same effort to our own tasks as faithful stewards of all God's gifts to us? To our ministries, and to the ways we could create more time for prayer as individuals, couples, families, and a parish? What if we got as inventive with managing our finances as the "bad steward" did, so we could give more generously to the poor and to advancing God's kingdom here on earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

The Renewal Project: Simple, Achievable, Life-Changing | The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it's a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on

your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles or students. It's about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out. To learn more

and begin your journey, visit here or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Pasting this introduction and the QR code in the bulletin allows parishioners to instantly visit this valuable resource. Come and see what the Lord desires for you.

Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1) | In our culture in which the rates of anxiety and depression are at an all-time high, hope is a profound gift from God that is especially important for each person. Scripture connects the gift of hope with the symbol of the anchor because hope grounds us in the sure and firm foundation of salvation in Christ. We open ourselves to the gift of hope when we read Sacred Scripture. During this Jubilee of Hope 2025, we do well to commit to five minutes a day of slowly reading one passage from the Bible, starting with the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke. As we reflect on God's Word, our hope will be strengthened, and we will trust Our Lord in a more profound way.

44th Annual Rural Life Day | September 22nd at 10am | 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI | The 44th Annual Rural Life Day will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., in Warrens on Monday, September 22th. Join Bishop Battersby for Mass at 10:00 am followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops and machinery and a delightful lunch. Wetherby Cranberry Co. is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI. This is your chance to celebrate rural life, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and maybe even leave with a craving for cranberries!

Ladies Paint night was a pumpkin success with 15 in attendance! Next project will be Thursday, November 6th at 6:30pm.
Watch the bulletin for updates!



Profit for 2025 Parish Festival as of today \$16,213.30, we do expect to receive a gift of \$500 from Catholic Financial Life, which would bring our total profit to \$16,713.30. Thank you VERY VERY MUCH!

Church Restoration Project

Goal: \$230,000

Total Pledged: \$ 239,655.47 Total Received: \$ 156,549.47 Percent of Goal Pledged: 104.20%

Number of Donors: 76 Total Pews Pledged: 61 Total Pews Needing a Pledge: 0

Financial Stewardship

September 14, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$1792.00
Offertory	\$652.00
Student Envelopes	\$4.00
Utility Envelopes	\$1115.00
Votive candles	\$18.00
Total	\$3,581.00

(160 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date
Contributed.....\$30,670.56

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 27, 7:00 pm	
Lector	Paul Zajackowski
EMC	TBD
Servers	Katelyn &
	Aron Browne
Ushers	Matt McGowan,
Jim McGo	owan & Dennis Franck
Gift Bearers	Jim Crowley Family
Musician	Sharon

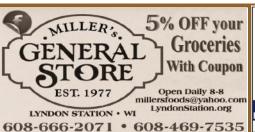
Sunday, September 20, 3.00 am		
Mick McCormick		
Joan Holig-McCormick		
Ken Engevold		
Karol, Amanda &		
Karina Strzemecka		
.Jim Cauley, Tony Oldigs,		
e Cauley & Craig Kobylski		
Pete & Linda Lochner		
Jade Pusel		

Cunday Cantambar 20 0:00 am

Sunday, September 28, 1:00 pm		
Lector	Marcy Krogh	
EMC	Marcy Krogh	
Ushers	Zach Housworth	

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to remember to bring an offering envelope to Mass again! You can also cancel, skip, or modify donations at any time. Contact the parish office for more information | Phone: 608-666-2421 or Email: office@stmlys.diolcparish.org

Pilgrimage to Mexico

With Fr. Tim - Marian Messengers

February 8-13



Come and visit Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. We will be walking the actual steps of St. Juan Diego and learning firsthand of the incredible message and mission that Mary has for us!

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