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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.

October 26, 2025 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Like 18:13-14

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

All Soul's Day

Sunday, November 2

Pancake Breakfast (Knights of Columbus)

Sunday, November 2
After 9am Mass

Saint Monica Prayer

Lead by Jodi Nelson
Tuesday November 4,

Ladies Sodality Paint Night

Date change from 11/18

Thursday November 6, 6:30pm

Ladies Sodality Meeting

November 13th, 1pm

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 7
After 9am Mass

Immaculate Conception of Mary (HDO)

Monday December 8, 7pm

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 7:30pm

Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 10th
after 6:30pm Mass

Mass Intentions

October 28

† Raymond Baumann
By: Lynn Novak

Tuesday,
5:30 pm

Wednesday,
8:30 am

October 29

Lucas Crowley
By: Jim & Rochelle Crowley

Thursday,
8:30 am

October 30

† Marie Senzig
By: Vicki McGowan &
Linda Lochner

Friday,
8:30 am

October 31

† Walter Postava
By: Family

Saturday,
7:00 pm

November 1

† Mary Jean Cauley
By:

Sunday,
9:00 am

November 2

Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm

† Cody Madden
By: Sally Konemann

November Word Among Us is available for those who signed up in the Vestibule

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Tuesday - Friday

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm

**And by appointment*

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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



A Message from Fr. Cryton,

Fr. Cryton is away from the parish in the month of November

This is to inform you that I will be away from the parish from November 3rd through December 4th for a home visit to Sri Lanka. After nearly two years since my last extended trip home (I did manage to sneak back in January 2024 for my parents’ 50th wedding anniversary – some celebrations you simply cannot miss!), it’s time to reconnect with family and, hopefully, remember what it’s like to not need a winter coat. Please keep my family in your prayers, and especially my father, who has been going through some health issues. Your prayers mean the world to us.

During my absence, the following arrangements are in place:

- Weekend masses will continue as usual, presided over by Fr. Bernie Rott.
 - Fr. Bernie will also be available for any pastoral emergencies.
- There will be no daily Mass. Deacon Tom will conduct Communion Services on Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 AM.

Special November Liturgies:

- Thanksgiving Day Mass: There will be a special Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 27th, at 8:30 AM.
- Million Monicas Prayer: The prayer session will take place on Tuesday, November 4th, following the 5:30 PM Communion Service led by Deacon Tom.

For Parish Office Business:

For Emergencies: Please contact the parish office, preferably via email during non-office hours.

As you know, Sri Lanka enjoys perpetual summer weather, so I’m hoping to bring back some tropical warmth when I return.

The Mauston Community Sharing Pantry serves people in the Mauston school district. It is open for food distribution on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:00. St. Mary's Parish has joined as a church partner. We are seeking a volunteer or two to help there on Tuesdays with food distribution, etc. Preferably at least twice a month. (Deacon Tom and Sandy are helping on Wednesdays) If anyone has questions, please feel free to reach out to Natty or Deacon Tom.	<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> <i>Juneau Solar power Plant - Come share your opinion about converting 3000 acres</i> Date: Thursday, October 30 Times: 2 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Where: The Lodge in Mauston, 104 Lodge Lane, Mauston, WI	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
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Reminder: Rebuild My Church - A Call to Renewal | Tuesday, October 28th 6:30pm at St. Patrick’s in Mauston. The Diocese is organizing Listening Sessions to hear from parishioners across our communities. These gatherings will help shape the future of our parishes and guide us in building a stronger, faith-filled Church. For more information or to sign up, scan the QR code to the right.



 **Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1)** | Jesus gave the apostles the power and authority to forgive sins, and this same power and authority is passed on to ordained priests. It is a beautiful gift to be forgiven of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. The cleansing and healing that takes place in our soul through the grace of the sacrament allows us to experience real joy and peace, to begin again in living with greater charity and to deepen our friendship with Christ. During this Jubilee Year, let us frequent the sacrament of penance and be strengthened in hope that Jesus, who began the good work in us will carry it on to completion.

There is a tote in the vestibule near the stairs to the basement to collect food donations. The donations will be brought to the food pantry on Wednesdays. If able, please consider sharing some non-perishable items with those in need in our community. Thank you!



A Gathering for Ladies: Everyone is invited to the Tomah Deanery Fall Gathering **Saturday, November 8** at Queen of the Apostles Parish, Tomah **9:00am until Noon** A light lunch is provided. Our Speaker is Fr. Derek Sakowski on Rebuild My Church, The Next Steps. There will be a Parish President’s Meeting at 8:00am in the Parish Hall.



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection October 26, 2025 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time SIR 35:12-14, 16-18; PS 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 TM 4:6-8,16-18; LK 18:9-14 In last week's readings, we were encouraged to stay persistent and consistent in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward during prayer. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus vividly portrays the stark contrast in the attitudes of two men as they approach God in prayer. One is a Pharisee, a man of esteemed status, who confidently strides to the front of the temple to offer a self-centered prayer, thanking God for his perceived superiority. The other, a tax collector, known for his dishonesty, stands at the back and humbly cries out to God: "Be merciful to me, a sinner." The other man is a tax collector, known during his time as a cheat and someone who betrayed his fellow Jews. Unlike the Pharisee, he stands at the back and honestly cries out to God: "Be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who leaves the temple justified. Why? The Pharisee was full of himself as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his list of good works and spiritual practices. He was going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility kept him from engaging in a genuine dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that he left no space for God to enter. The tax collector, in his humility, emptied himself as he approached God. He acknowledged his sinfulness and asked for mercy, leaving everything else to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God guides.

TRAVEL WITH FR. CRUZ TO INDIA! Father Cruz will be leading a trip to India in September 2026. Planned dates are September 14 - 26. This trip will be 12 nights and 13 days and include the cities of Dehli, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Father's home town of Kodaikanal. Daily Mass will be offered. The trip will cost \$2,000 plus airfare from Chicago. If you would like more details or to sign up for the trip, please contact the St. Patrick Parish (Mauston) rectory office or Fr. Cruz at 608-847-6054 by the end of December. This will be a once in a lifetime trip. Don't miss your chance to travel with Fr. Cruz!

"The Origins of Halloween: A Catholic Celebration Rediscovered" | As Halloween gains global popularity each October, stores are filled with bats and pumpkins, and children eagerly don costumes of their favorite characters. But for Catholics, questions often arise about whether this festivity aligns with their faith. Are children unintentionally honoring pagan traditions or dabbling in something darker by participating in trick-or-treating or dressing up in Gothic costumes? To explore these questions, we spoke with Fr. John Wauck, a priest and literature professor at Holy Cross University in Rome, who shared fascinating insights into Halloween's Catholic roots. **A Holy Day for the Saints** - "The holiday of Halloween is actually one of the most Catholic holidays in the entire calendar," Fr. Wauck explained. "The word 'Hallow' means 'holy' in archaic English, the same way we use it in the phrase 'Hallowed be Thy Name' in the Our Father." Halloween, he notes, is directly tied to the Catholic celebration of "All Hallows' Eve" or the evening before All Saints' Day, when Catholics honor all holy men and women who have gone before them. "Halloween refers to the fact that the day after, November 1st, is the 'Feast of All Saints,'" he continued, "honoring all of the holy ones."

The Feast's Roman Origins - While Halloween's symbolism may seem secular or even sinister to some, Fr. Wauck assures us of its Catholic heritage. He points out that the roots of the holiday go back to the 8th century, when Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to all the saints and moved All Saints' Day to November 1. "The date of Halloween and the Feast of All Saints are actually connected to Rome," he explains. "The dedication of this chapel to all the saints on November 1 marked the origin of the holiday." **From Medieval Costumes to Modern Day Customs** - Why, then, do Halloween celebrations seem so entwined with Gothic themes?

According to Fr. Wauck, the tradition of dressing up on Halloween can be traced back to medieval practices. "The custom of dressing up for Halloween probably has its root in two different ancient customs," he shares. "One is 'guising,' a medieval practice where children would dress up and go door-to-door asking for sweets. The other involves donning frightening costumes to ward off evil spirits." Fr. Wauck highlights that two traditions—Medieval and Celtic—merged over time with the Catholic celebration of All Hallows' Eve, creating the holiday we recognize today. These traditions likely traveled to America with Anglo-Saxon immigrants, eventually transforming Halloween into a cultural event now celebrated worldwide. Embracing Halloween with Catholic Intent Fr. Wauck encourages Catholics to reclaim Halloween as a day connected with their faith. "Halloween ought to be celebrated in all its innocence," he says. "There's nothing wrong with dressing up and going trick-or-treating; it's actually a delightful thing. But we shouldn't forget its connection to All Saints' Day. It's important to remember, especially for children, that Halloween is a vigil of a great feast day." As Catholics worldwide prepare for Halloween, Fr. Wauck's words remind us to approach it with reverence for its origins, teaching children to celebrate not only in fun but also in faith." (<https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/true-origins-of-halloween-a-celebration-steeped-in-catholic-tradition-1788>)

St. Mary's Kid's Corner - This week we are looking at what the 2nd and 3rd graders are up to with Ms. Erickson! So far they've been learning about the 7 sacraments of the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony). They've also included each week about 'our friends on the journey', learning about and putting up a picture of a different saint each week. This coming Wednesday will be our CCD Halloween Party! It will start at the regular time of 7:00pm. All students, parents and siblings are invited to join in the fun! Costumes are encouraged!



Financial Stewardship

October 19, 2025

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2319.00
Offertory.....	\$622.40
Student Envelopes.....	\$6.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$20.00
Votive candles.....	\$49.50
Total	\$3,016.90
(160 registered families)	
<u>Fiscal year-to-date</u>	
Contributed.....	\$46,593.66

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 1, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Katelyn Browne
EMC.....	TBD
Servers.....	TBD
Ushers.....	Gary Fuller,
.....Dan McGowan & Jasan Franek	
Gift Bearers.....	Leo & Jeanette Crowley
Musician.....	TBD

Sunday, November 2, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Mick McCormick
EMC.....	Joan Holig-McCormick
.....Carol Cauley	
Servers.....	TBD
Ushers.....	Tom Kowalke, Mark Walsh,
.....Connie Wals & Pat Cauley	
Gifts.....	Kevin Heimerl & Kristi Seidl
Musician.....	TBD

Sunday, November 2, 1:00 pm

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EMC.....	Terri Donnelly
Ushers.....	Rodney Senzig

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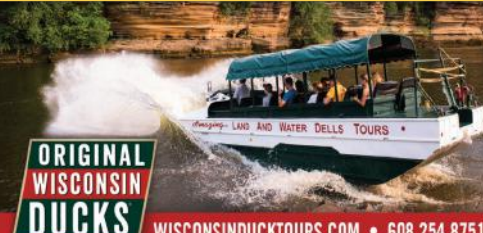
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