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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.

## November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Matthew 24:43-44

**St. Mary's Prayer List** | Please pray for Roxann Walsh, 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.diocparish.org](mailto:bulletin@stmlys.diocparish.org)\*\*\*

### Parish Events

#### **St. Monica Prayer**

Tuesday, December 2  
After word & communion service

#### **Christmas Brunch**

Sunday, December 7  
After 9am Mass

#### **Immaculate Conception of Mary (HDO)**

Monday December 8, 7pm

#### **Finance Council Meeting**

*\*Date change from 12/9\**

Thursday, December 11,  
6:30pm

#### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

*\*Date change from 12/9\**

Thursday, December 11,  
7:30pm

#### **Reconciliation**

Wednesday, December 10th  
after 6:30pm Mass

#### **Sacred Worship Meeting**

Tuesday, December 16  
6:30pm

### Mass Intentions

#### **December 2**

Tuesday,  
*No Daily Mass*

#### **December 3**

Wednesday,  
*No Daily Mass*

#### **December 4**

Thursday, 8:30 am  
*No Daily Mass*  
Communion Service With  
Deacon Tom

#### **December 5**

Friday, 8:30 am  
*No Daily Mass*  
Communion Service With  
Deacon Tom

#### **December 6**

Saturday, 7:00 pm  
† Shirley Budin  
By: Pete & Linda Lochner

#### **December 7**

Sunday, 9:00 am  
Parishioner Mass  
  
1:00 pm  
† George Morrison  
By: Jim & Carol Cauley

**For sacramental emergencies please  
contact Fr. Aro at Keyesville & Cazenovia  
608-484-4867.**

**Fr. Cryton will be returning next weekend!**

### PARISH OFFICE

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Priest Office Hours**

*No Priest Office Hours*

*Fr. Cryton away until Dec. 5th*

#### **Confessions**

Saturday 6:00 pm

#### **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**

*No Daily Masses*

#### **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,*

As we begin the holy and hope-filled season of Advent, we are invited once again to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is hard to believe how quickly time has passed—just one more week to go, and I look forward to being back with you all very soon.

While many of you are experiencing heavy snowfall and true winter conditions, here in Sri Lanka we are facing severe rainfall, floods, and even a cyclone situation in some areas. By God's grace, I am safe, and I hope the weather here will settle down in the coming days. I also keep you in my prayers, especially as you deal with the challenges of severe winter weather.

Advent reminds us to stay awake, hopeful, and trusting in the Lord no matter what surrounds us. May this sacred season bring light to our darkness, peace to our hearts, and renewed strength to our faith.

I am truly looking forward to seeing you all next weekend. Until then, please continue to keep me in your prayers, and be assured of mine.

 **Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1)** | There are many reasons why God gives us the supernatural virtue of hope. Here are a few important reasons: Hope leads us to persevere in prayer, even when all reason for hope seems absent. (Romans 14:18-21) Hope offers us joy and courage which sustains us in times of trial. Hope allows us to live, grow and persevere in faith. When we need the gift of hope, the most important thing we can do is ask for it. The Lord will answer our prayer. Let us ask Jesus for an increase of hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

**The Christmas Brunch is fast approaching on December 7th-** Sign up sheets are in the back of church, please sign up as soon as possible so we can have an accurate count for food. We will also have the Cookie Walk this year- it was very popular last year. The cookies will be for sale after all of the masses on the weekend of December 6th and 7th. But- to make this happen- we will need cookie donations! We had a great assortment last year. You can bring your cookie donations on Saturday night or Sunday morning to the basement and they will be sold after all masses. To call to sign up please call Linda Lochner at 847-867-4941.

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.

**Canadian Pacific/Kansas City Holiday Train** will be on **Thursday, December 11 at 4:15pm at the Railroad Crossing on Division Street**. This is our one large fundraising event for the year. It is a terrific musical experience with the awesome decorated Holiday Train- a feast for your eyes! Please bring a canned good item or a cash donation to help fill up our pantry. Cash donations for the evening will be matched!

Remember, our pantry has no paid staff. We have 18 board members and 75 volunteers. All donations go to building upkeep and food! We have seen a 13% increase in those we are assisting. We have served over 600 different families so far this year. Our motto is "Prepared...not panicked". Our job is to help keep families fed in our school district. This can only be done with community assistance which you have provided for the past 42 years. The Bank of Mauston is matching funds through the month of November. WRJC sponsored a successful cash drive – with excellent co-hosts, the Mauston School Key Club has spearheaded their great annual food drive on our behalf.

**Needs for the upcoming winter season:** soups, canned protein, canned veggies or fruit, cereal, 100% juice, regular peanut butter, sugar, flour, spices; any type of health and beauty items – toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, toilet paper. We do watch the dates and the food we distribute should not be older than 2025. We are so very grateful for your assistance this past year and for helping others to know we do care about them. Thank you!

*Mauston/Lyndon Community Sharing Pantry Board*

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!

Welcome to the newest member of our Faith Community, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, Teeg Richard Langer!



**"Called and Gifted" Workshop | March 21, 2026 | Our Lady of Peace Parish in**

**Marshfield:** An in-person "Called and Gifted" workshop will be offered on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The Office for Catechesis & Evangelization and the Marshfield parishes will be hosting the workshop. The "Called & Gifted" discernment process offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute has been used since 1993 by over 200,000 Catholics around the world. It is designed to help Christians discern specific charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit. God calls each of us to (and gifts us for) the work that we most love. We want to know what gifts God has given to us because when we use them, our life is enriched with purpose and joy. The "Called and Gifted" workshop will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield.

Further details to follow.

<b>December 24 Wednesday 7 pm</b>	Sandy Edwards	Sandy Edwards	Gary Skolarz, Jim Cauley, Matt Leja, 1 more Usher Needed	1 Family for Gifts Needed
<b>December 25 Thursday 9 am</b>	Mick McCor- mick	Joan Holig- McCormick, 1 EMC Needed	4 Ushers Need- ed	1 Family for Gifts Needed
<b>December 25 Thursday 1 pm</b>	1 Lector Need- ed	1 EMC Needed	1 Usher Need- ed	N/A

We are still looking for the following assistance with our Christmas Masses. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to assist  
[bulletin@stmlys.diolcparish.org](mailto:bulletin@stmlys.diolcparish.org).

Church Restoration Project  
Goal: \$230,000  
Total Pledged: \$ 242,230.47  
Total Received: \$ 175,174.47  
Percent of Goal Pledged: 105.32%  
Percent of Goal Received: 76.16%  
Number of Donors: 84  
Total Pews Pledged: 61  
Total Pews Needing a Pledge: 0

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection November 30, 2025 - First Sunday in Advent IS 2:1-5; PS 122:1-9; ROM 13: 11-14; MT 24:37-44** Today, we embark on the profound journey of Advent — a season of profound significance. It is a time of preparation, not just for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, but also for the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences. So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.” As we approach Christmas, the world seems to demand more from us. It urges us to spend more, do more, and be more, all in the pursuit of a ‘perfect’ Christmas. However, the Church’s wisdom calls us to a different path, one that leads us to focus on our spiritual lives. This shift in focus can indeed feel like a challenging mountain climb, but it is a climb worth taking. But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is precisely what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus’ birth on Dec. 25 and for his second coming at a date we do not know? Here are some practical tips: set aside time for personal prayer and reflection, attend additional church services, participate in Advent-themed Bible studies, and engage in acts of charity and kindness. We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.” Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season, so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness. While the journey may feel like a mountain climb, the rewards are immeasurable. At the end of this spiritual preparation, we will be ready to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas. We will have grown closer to our Savior and be prepared for His second coming. Let’s embrace this climb up the Lord’s mountain!

**Christmas Memorial Poinsettias** | Christmas will be here very soon! If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in memory or in honor of someone, we are now taking donations. Please be sure to have your donation to the parish office no later than December 17th. This will give the office time to compile the list of donors and put the list in the Christmas Bulletin.



**Advent: A Prayerful Time to Prepare Our Hearts** | During the beautiful season of Advent, we set aside time for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ’s birth on Christmas. We want to spend quiet moments each day to “get ready” through prayer of the heart. These simple prayer cards help students pray in a more personal way, with a downloadable card for each grade level [available here](https://diolc.org/catechesis/prayer/) (<https://diolc.org/catechesis/prayer/>). There is great flexibility in how the prayer cards are used.

**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](https://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).

St. Mary’s Choir will be singing at the Boorman House in Mauston (211 N Union St) on Saturday, December 6th from 5:30-6:30pm. Let us go show our support for our beautiful choir!

#### Inspired By the Spirit

Goal: \$160,000.00  
Total Pledged & Received: \$96,245.00  
Percent of Goal Pledged: 60.15%  
Number of Donors: 36  
Diocesan Annual Appeal  
Goal: \$23,545.00  
Total Pledged & Received: \$12,935.00  
Percent of Goal Pledged: 54.94%  
Number of Donors: 34

### Financial Stewardship

#### **November 23, 2025**

Adult Envelopes.....\$1,651.00  
Offertory.....\$870.00  
Student Envelopes.....\$5.00  
Utility Envelopes.....\$50.00  
Votive candles.....\$29.00  
Total \$2,605.00  
(163 registered families)  
Fiscal year-to-date  
Contributed.....\$59,376.72

### Liturgical Roles

#### **Saturday, December 6, 7:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Karen Patton  
**EMC**.....Karen Patton  
**Servers**.....Katelyn & Aron Browne  
**Ushers**.....Dan Patton, Jasan Franeek & Matt McGowan  
**Gift Bearers**....Dennis & Donna Franeek  
**Musician**.....TBD

#### **Sunday, December 7, 9:00 am**

**Lector**.....Jodi Nelson  
**EMC**.....Sheri Guyse  
.....Joan Holig-McCormick  
**Servers**.....Brian Fox, Loretta & William Schanke  
**Ushers**.....Tom Kowalke, Mark Walsh, Connie Walsh & Pat Cauley  
**Gifts**.....Mick & Joan McCormick  
**Musician**.....TBD

#### **Sunday, December 7, 1:00 pm**

**Lector**.....TBD  
**EMC**.....TBD  
**Ushers**.....Rodney Senzig



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