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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.

December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent



Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Matthew 11:4-6

St. Mary's Prayer List | Please pray for Roxann Walsh, Marlene McGowan, 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***

Parish Events

Sacred Worship Meeting

Tuesday, December 16
6:30pm

Christmas Decorating

Monday
December 22, 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday
December 24 7:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday
December 25
9:00am & 1:00pm

2026

Solemnity of Mary

Thursday, January 1, 7:00pm

St. Monica Prayer

Tuesday, January 6
After 5:30pm Mass

Christmas Decoration

Clean-up
Tuesday, January 6, 6:00pm
After St. Monica Prayer

Mass Intentions

Tuesday,
5:30 pm

December 16

† John Cauley & Family

Wednesday,
8:30 am

December 17

† Thomas S. Cavanaugh & Family

Thursday,
8:30 am

December 18

† Franciszek 'Frank' Klejka
By: Family

Friday,
8:30 am

December 19

† Gerald Scully
By: Jim & Judy Hall

Saturday,
7:00 pm

December 20

† Jan Pasciak
By: Josephine Pasciak

Sunday,
9:00 am

December 21

Parishioner Mass

1:00 pm

† Bob Walsh

By: Knights of Columbus
Solomon Juneau

Christmas Caroling will occur 30 minutes before Christmas Eve 7:00pm and Christmas Day 9:00am Masses

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Monday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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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



The Summary of Bishop Battersby's Message During the Season of Advent

Bishop Battersby emphasizes that the “one thing necessary” is to fix our gaze on Jesus Christ and allow ourselves to be transformed by Him. Drawing from St. Anselm's prayer (“I seek your face”), the story of Mary and Martha, and St. Paul's writings, he makes several key points:


The Central Call: We must regularly spend time gazing upon Christ—contemplating Him in the manger, on the cross, and in His glory—to be transformed “from glory to glory” into His image through the Holy Spirit.

The Problem: We limit our transformation because we focus too much on ourselves, our fears, and the difficulties around us (like Peter sinking when he looked at the waves). In these troubled times, the enemy wants us to be distrustful of each other and Church leadership rather than submitting to God's transforming gaze.

The Solution: Trust Jesus completely. If we truly believe He is Lord, we can trust Him and His Church confidently. Both the Diocese and individual believers need to make daily and weekly time to be with Jesus, allowing Him to change us.

Practical Wisdom: The bishop values advice that comes from prayer and conformity to Christ, not mere opinion. We must cultivate a deep desire for Jesus, running to Him with our weaknesses rather than fearing them, and imitating the humility of Mary and Joseph.

Adult Envelopes for 2026 offertory are now available in the vestibule.
Children Envelopes for 2026 will be available in the vestibule next weekend.

Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1) | The Advent hymn Come, O Long Expected Jesus is about hope as it refers to Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah promised throughout the Old Testament. Jesus is “the hope of all the earth” because He brings salvation to each and every person, fulfilling God the Father's universal plan for redemption.  Jesus is the “dear desire of every nation” because He is the ultimate answer to the deepest longings and needs of every person.

The second verse of Come, O Long Expected Jesus:

Israel's strength and consolation, You, the hope of all the earth,
Dear desire of every nation, come, and save us by Your birth.

Let us make a good confession before Christmas to purify our hearts for the celebration of the Incarnation—God becoming man to save us from Satan, sin and death.

The Jubilee Year of Hope officially ends on January 6th when Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door at St. Pater's Basilica in Rome. A Mass to close the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of La Crosse will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman by Msgr. Richard Gilles, 10 a.m. on December 28th. All are welcome.

Project Seed Sales Coming in the Spring | Farmers, mark your calendars for a Forage & Seed Corn sale that will be coming to several locations in spring of 2026, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high-quality, low-cost seed. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Sale dates and locations:

- March 14 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at St. Mary's Church in Richland Center
- March 21 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in Holy Family Hall in Stanley
- March 28 - 10:30 AM-1:00 PM at Fourments Farm Home Store in Colby
- April 11 - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Cassel

For more information, call Scott Mohr at 608-769-2764, or Steve Mohr at 608-780-5460.

Christmas Set-up - we will be setting up the church for the Christmas season on Monday, December 22nd at 6:30pm. It takes many hands to accomplish this task and your help is needed! Please join us!

“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.

Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule

Date	Lector	EMC	Ushers	Gift Bearers	Musician
December 24 Wed 7 pm	Sandy Edwards	Sandy Edwards	Gary Skolarz, Jim Cauley, Matt Leja, Dennis Franek	Leo & Jeanette Crowley	Jade Pusel
December 25 Thurs 9 am	Mick McCormick	Joan Holig-McCormick		Erickson Family	Heidi Finucan
December 25 Thurs 1 pm	Kevin Heimerl	Kristi Seidl	Zach Housworth & Rodney Senzig	N/A	N/A

Rebuild My Church Updates | This summer and fall, 3,622 people of the La Cross Diocese participated in 40 listening sessions to help launch Rebuild My Church, an ongoing effort of renewal and pastoral planning for Our Diocese. Stay tuned for regular updates. To the right is a QR code That will take you to the latest updates. You can view the recording of the Listening sessions, and see the latest updates at: <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



Help Wanted - St Mary's Parish Office is currently looking for a volunteer for some part-time help during the week starting in January. We are looking for someone to assist with being in the office for half a day or more depending on availability. Duties would include answering the phone, retrieving the mail and greeting parishioners who come in during office hours. This will be a seasonal position and is expected to end in early spring. If interested, contact the parish office at 608-666-2421.

This Christmas, Help Catholic Charities Love our Neighbors in Need: Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst (especially in winter) to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Especially in this holy season of Christmas, find out how you can help by visiting cclse.org, or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Thank you to all who attended or helped make last Sunday's brunch such a wonderful gathering!

Thank you to all those who brought cookies or helped out with the cookie walk, we were able to raise **\$212.50!**

Church Restoration Project

Goal: \$230,000
Total Pledged: \$ 243,230.47
Total Received: \$ 176,254.47
Percent of Goal Pledged: 105.75%
Percent of Goal Received: 76.63%
Number of Donors: 85

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: \$14,365.00
Percent of Goal Pledged: 61.01%
Number of Donors: 40

Financial Stewardship

December 7, 2025

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,881.00
Offertory.....\$1,141.90
Student Envelopes.....\$6.00
Holy Day Envelopes.....\$481.00
Holy Day Offertory.....\$82.00
Christmas.....\$30.00
Votive candles.....\$41.00
Total \$4,662.90
(163 registered families)
Fiscal year-to-date
Contributed.....\$66,257.62

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 20, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Ted Czajkowski
EMC.....TBD
Servers.....Aron Browne
.....Katelyn Browne
Ushers.....Jasan Franek,
.....Matt McGowan & Jim McGowan
Gift Bearers.....Josephine Pasciak
Musician.....Carol Costerisan

Sunday, December 21, 9:00 am

Lector.....Sandy Edwards
EMC.....Sandy Edwards
.....Melissa Schanke
Servers.....Karol,
.....Amanda & Karina Strzemecka
Ushers.....Craig Kobylski, Matt Leja,
.....Earl Verette & Tom Guyse
Gifts.....Kevin Heimerl & Kristi Seidl
Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, December 21, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Marcy Krogh
EMC.....Marcy Krogh
Ushers.....Rodney Senzig

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday in Advent
IS 35:1-6A, 10; PS146:6-10; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11 Good news, Christian stewards — we are making progress in our Advent journey, and it's time to pause and rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will return in victory one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are full of reminders of God's ultimate victory over suffering and injustice, and they encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to living as faith-filled disciples. Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world today. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we wait for the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged." This is excellent advice for us, Christian stewards, as we face the challenges of daily life in our broken world, especially during the hectic days before Christmas when stress can cause us and those around us to be less than our best. St. James reminds us that we have the power to choose our response to both the major strains and minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude by "making our hearts firm" through practicing patience with others and refusing the temptation to complain. Remember, we have the choice to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, regardless of the circumstances we face. This is a source of hope and optimism that can guide us through the challenges of our daily lives.

Do you have something you'd like to see in the bulletin? Submit your ideas to: bulletin@stmlys.diocparish.org