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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 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.*

Matthew 1:23-24

**St. Mary's Prayer List** | Please pray for Roxann Walsh, Marlene McGowan, Lizzy Mitchell, 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**  
**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  
Eucharistic Adoration &  
Benediction at 6:30pm  
Mass at 7:00pm

**St. Monica Prayer**  
Tuesday, January 6  
After 5:30pm Mass  
**Christmas Decoration**  
**Clean-up**  
Tuesday, January 6, 6:00pm  
**Ladies Sodality Meeting**  
St. Bridget's Hall  
Thursday, January 8th, 1:00pm

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, December 23**  
5:30 pm  
† Anna McGowan  
By: McGowan Family

**Wednesday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**  
7:00 pm  
† Walter Postava  
By: Family

**Thursday, December 25**  
**The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas**  
9:00 am  
† Eddie & Marion Walsh  
1:00 pm  
† Mary Claire Marshall  
By: Family

**Friday, December 26**  
No Mass

**Saturday, December 27**  
7:00 pm  
† John 'Jack' Smart  
By: Andy & Judy Robinson

**Sunday, December 28**  
9:00 am  
† Eugene Fitzgerald  
By: The Family

1:00 pm  
Parishioner Mass

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

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\*\*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...***

My Dear Parishioners,

**A call to a Meaningful Celebration:** As the sacred and joyful season of Christmas draws near, my heart fills with gratitude for each of you, our parish family. In the quiet miracle of the Nativity, God sends us a message of infinite love, hope, and peace. This year, let us strive to make our celebrations truly meaningful—centered not in the rush or the wrappings, but in the quiet wonder of Christ’s presence among us. May our homes be filled with the warmth of His love, and our gatherings reflect the joy of the angels’ song.

**An Invitation to Decorate Our Church:** To help prepare our beautiful church as a worthy cradle for this celebration, I warmly invite you all to come together on Monday, December 22nd, at 6:30 PM. We will gather to put up our Christmas decorations, transforming our sacred space into a beacon of Christmas joy. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and shared service as we ready our hearts and our church for the coming of our Savior. All hands and hearts are welcome!

**Remembering our Home Bound Brothers & Sisters:** In the spirit of Christian community, let us remember in our prayers all those who, for reasons of health, distance, or other circumstances, are unable to join us for our Christmas services. They remain dearly held in our parish family.

Furthermore, if you know of anyone within our parish who is homebound and would appreciate a visit, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), or to receive Holy Communion in the days before Christmas, please contact me or the office, I will be especially available to make visits on Monday, December 22nd, and Tuesday, December 23rd. It is my heartfelt desire that no one feels isolated from the comfort and grace of our sacraments during this holy time.

**Christmas Blessings:** May the coming days be a time of blessed anticipation for you and your loved ones. I look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord with you all.

**Wishing you a Christmas filled with the profound peace and joy of Christ**



**Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1)** | The Advent hymn Come, O Long Expected Jesus is a prayer of hope, asking that by the grace of the Holy Spirit we allow Jesus to reign in our lives. It is Jesus’ perfect actions of His life, crucifixion, death and resurrection that are the “all-sufficient merit” that saves us and makes us ready for eternal life in heaven. In essence, this is a prayer for deep personal surrender to God and a plea for salvation through Christ’s work, because we are not able to save ourselves by our own doing.

Let us open our hearts with great hope to encounter the living Christ Child on Christmas, especially when we receive the Holy Eucharist.

The fourth verse:

By Your own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Your all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Your glorious throne.

**Thank you Leo’s** - A big thank you to Leo’s for the generous check from the Meat Raffle that was held on November 29th. We received \$502 which will be used to help those in need within our community. It’s thanks to companies like Leo’s and people like our parishioners that make a difference throughout the world!

**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.

**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.

## Christmas Flower Donations 2025



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2026 offertory envelopes are now available in the vestibule.



The CCD Students had their annual Christmas Gathering this week, with laughter, games, presents and lots of good food had by all!



## Financial Stewardship

**December 14, 2025**

Adult Envelopes.....\$2,246.00  
 Offertory.....\$489.00  
 Student Envelopes.....\$2.00  
 Holy Day Envelopes.....\$30.00  
 Christmas Envelopes.....\$500.00  
 Votive candles.....\$30.50

Total \$3,297.50

(163 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$69,555.12

## Liturgical Roles

**Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Sandy Edwards  
**EMC**.....Sandy Edwards  
**Servers**.....Katelyn & Aron Browne  
**Ushers**.....Gary Skolarz, Matt Leja,  
 .....Jim Cauley & Dennis Franek  
**Gift Bearers**.....Leo & Jeanette Crowley  
**Musician**.....Jade Pusel

**Thursday, December 25, 9:00 am**

**Lector**.....Mick McCormick  
**EMC**.....Joan Holig-McCormick  
**Servers**.....Brian Fox, Elouise,  
 .....Nellie Jo & Anton Erickson  
**Ushers**.....TBD  
**Gifts**.....Erickson Family  
**Musician**.....Heidi Finucan

**Thursday, December 25, 1:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Kevin Heimerl  
**EMC**.....Kristi Seidl  
**Servers**.....Brian Fox  
**Ushers**.....Rodney Senzig,  
 .....& Zach Housworth

**Saturday, December 27, 7:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Paul Zajackowski  
**EMC**.....TBD  
**Servers**.....Stella, Bennett,  
 .....& Noble Finucan  
**Ushers**.....Gary Fuller,  
 .....Dennis Franek & Dan McGowan  
**Gift Bearers**.....Fitzgerald Family  
**Musician**.....Heidi Finucan

**Sunday, December 28, 9:00 am**

**Lector**.....Sheri Guyse  
**EMC**.....Sheri Guyse  
 .....Carol Cauley  
**Servers**.....Brian Fox,  
 .....Loretta & William Schanke  
**Ushers**.....Tom Kowalke, Mark Walsh,  
 .....Connie Walsh & Pat Cauley  
**Gifts**.....Erickson Family  
**Musician**.....Jade Pusel

**Sunday, December 28, 1:00 pm**

**Lector**.....Zach Housworth  
**EMC**.....Zach Housworth  
**Ushers**.....Rodney Senzig



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**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday in Advent IS 7:10-14, 10; PS 24:1-6; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24** As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, today's readings should demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do but offer our lives in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give? Recognizing God's perfect love inspires us to live out our faith through active service and gratitude. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, who obeys God's call through the message of an angel. Let us follow his example by actively listening and responding faithfully to God's call in our own lives. We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the Holy Spirit's leading for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born, and it was he who cleaned and prepared it for Mary and Jesus, demonstrating active service. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, comfort, and well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph, his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service. Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, by reflecting on how we can give our lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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