

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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Parish Mission Statement

St Mary's Parish is a practicing Catholic Community providing spiritual, social and educational opportunities for all God's people that we may deepen our love of God and one another through prayer and deed.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 4, (SH)

8:15 am +Lorraine Wroblewski by Jane Blanchard

Wednesday, February 5,

8:15 am +Myron & Frances Soik

by The Soik Family

Thursday, February 6 (SH)

7-8 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Gerald Basinski by Gladys Kluck



Friday, February 7

7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am: +David Mansavage

by Elsie & Family

**9 am: Silent Adoration 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Closing Benediction**

Saturday, February 8, (SH)

8:15 am +Raymond Gagas by Tom & Ruth Printz

+Larry Strong by Dave & Barb Kurszewski +Norman

Platta by Ray & Ramona Biadasz +Clarence Ramczyk

by Bryon & Laurie Simonis +Mary Ann Shamrowicz

by Audrey & Rose Ann Gagas Special Intentions

for Joseph Zdroik by Jean Rosenthal



Saturday, February 8, SMIC

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +Marcie Rozek

by Kenny & Betty Rozek

Sunday, Feb 9, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

8:00 am (SH) St. Mary's & Sacred Heart

Parish Families

10:00 am For All Married Couples

For my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you have prepared
in the presence of all peoples

Luke 2:30-31



"Obedience unites us so closely to God that it in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His. If obedience is lacking, even prayer cannot be pleasing to God." - St. Thomas Aquinas

A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus want to live in your heart?

God has created each person absolutely unique—there is only one of you. Jesus knows you, loves you and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be wasted. And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' heart.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and give You all of my love.*

This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace "the world" with your own name.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life February 1st—2nd Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope What is a jubilee? The idea of jubilee goes back to the Old Testament, which God commanded every 50th year. (Lev. 25:10) The jubilee year applied to the restoration of family land lost by indebtedness and the release from other debts. The Vatican website says: "A Jubilee Year is above all the year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity." Jesus, through His Church, gives us release from the effects of sin and restoration of sanctifying grace through the sacrament of reconciliation.

During this jubilee year, you are invited to pray for an increase in hope. You received the gift of hope from God in baptism. Hope is the gift by which you place your trust in Christ's promises. One of Jesus' promises was, "I am with you always." Jesus is here with you, to walk with you every step of the way; through trials, difficulties as well as times of joy. You are invited to participate in one of the Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby.

Evening of Hope | Feb. 22, |Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. At the end of the Mass, he will impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with benediction at 7:00 p.m.

Future Jubilee Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby:

Saturday, May 31, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour, Confession, and 4:00 p.m. Mass (Bishop Battersby as celebrant) at Sacred Heart Church, Eau Claire; Speaker, Fr. Daniel Sedlacek (Coincides with the Jubilee of Families in Rome).
 Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession at Resurrection Church, Wausau; Speaker, Fr. James Kurzynski (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion in Rome).

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT
January 26**

Offertory	\$ 169.00
Building Fund	35.00
CCHD	90.00
Adult Env & ACH	996.00
Total	\$ 1290.00



BUILDING FUND DONATIONS

Envelopes for the Ground Level Hall and Church

Renovations can be found in your Parish support envelopes This project is for current and future generations of St. Mary's parishioners. Please be generous.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR BUILDING FUND



Saturday, February 8th, 2:45 pm confessions and 4 pm Mass will be held at St. Mary's I.C. followed by Spaghetti Dinner.

February 2nd is Candlemas: The Presentation of Jesus Christ.

Candles will be blessed and will be available on the table in the entrance of Church through February 9th. A suggested offering of at least \$3.00 would be appreciated. Thank you



St. Mary's I.C. Faith Formation Program

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THE NEXT FAMILY MASS WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION February 7th.

9 am-3pm at St. Mary's I.C. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 pm followed by Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. **Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.** A sign-up sheet is located in the table in the Church entrance.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!

Prayers for those in need are so very important; so if you would like someone added to the list please contact the parish office.

Always be sure you have permission to add someone's name.

Please remember in your prayers

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:

Kenny Rozek, Jerry Lepak, Valerie Stanczyk, Henry Gagag, Jean Miller, Sharon Zblewski, Denny Elsenrath, Joe Raschka, Shirley Pliska, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Mike Mrozek, Ken Wierzba, Brigid & Al Pellatt

If anyone is in need of spiritual care at your home or the hospital (e.g. Holy Communion, confession, or Anointing of the Sick) please call the parish to make arrangements. Father Miller is here for your spiritual and sacramental needs. Also, be aware that if you are in the hospital for an extended period of time, and would like a visit, please contact the parish. This is important, hospitals do not make us aware of these situations.

For prayer support through the unpublished St. Mary's I.C. Parish Prayer Chain please call *Elsie Mansavage 715-592-4174*, or the Parish Office 715-592-4330 or stmary@wi-net.com **FIRST NAMES ONLY** will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.

We still have some 2025
Church Support Envelopes
located on the table in back of
Church Please pick yours up.
Thank you for your support.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st-Ed Sapa 5th-Laurie Lutz
& Joan Feltz 9th-Mary Egle
17th-Julie Trembl
18th-Amy Stremkowski
20th-Kirk Wille



ST. MARY'S I.C. FOOD PANTRY

We will continue to collect non perishable items and monetary donations for local families. Please help us help those in need. Drop off items in the cart in the entrance of the Church.

Please check the expiration date on items you are donating.

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. This 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, February 14-16, in Wausau. For info and fully confidential registration: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

BUY SCRIP After Mass FEBRUARY 9th & 23rd

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)

Thank you for supporting our scrip program

SCRIP sold in Month of January total=\$11,760.00 profit= \$ 543.03

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection

Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's I.C. There are envelopes in the pews and in the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Men of the Cross "Freedom in Forgiveness" | Mar. 8, |Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

Who: All men Cost: \$30 per person, includes lunch (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.) Speakers: Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby Registration:

menofthecross.org

Our relationship with Christ is many things. He is your refuge, someone to celebrate your joys, mourn with you in your sorrows, and is the one to break the chains that bind you and set you free. What are the chains that bind you? The world tries to convince you that the baggage you carry is not too heavy and that you probably deserve to carry that burden. But that is a lie. Christ wants you to be set free. There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you have been carrying around the same burden for a long time. Maybe you really don't understand forgiveness, how to forgive others, or how to forgive yourself. You may have forgotten what it feels like to be free. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, allowing them to help other men break the chains that bind them so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us.

Help Defund Planned Parenthood: In just one year, Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business in America, violently ends the lives of more than 390,000 unborn children. When a pregnant woman walks into a Planned Parenthood, 97% of the time she'll leave without her child. In 2023, Planned Parenthood received \$699 MILLION of taxpayer dollars, almost \$2 million PER DAY. Please help end taxpayer funding of this holocaust. Visit sbalist.quorum.us/campaign/defund-planned-parenthood/ Fill out the form to email your U.S. Representative urging them to support and cosponsor H.R.271, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025.

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy in Stevens Point, call 800-712-help or www.firstchoicepcr.org. or Catholic Charities at 844-644-7223 (844-64-GRACE) or text 715-600 6391. To learn more, cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. Additional resources and locations, visit dioc.org/pregnancy resources.

Eligible Portage County residents can get help completing their taxes for FREE. AARP Tax Assistance Program, in a joint effort with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Aging & Disability Resource Center and Portage County Public Library, offers free tax preparation services for seniors, individuals with low to moderate income, and adults with disabilities. The program is supported locally by in-kind donations from Sentry Insurance. Training and software materials are provided by the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax preparation locations and schedules:

Aging & Disability Resource Center at Lincoln Center, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point. Thursday & Friday appointments.

Portage County Public Library 1001 Main Street, Stevens Point Saturday appointments Any senior or adult with a disability who only needs to file a

Wisconsin Homestead Tax Credit return should call 715-346-1401 to make an appointment. All other tax assistance requires an appointment made by contacting United Way's 211 helpline or (800)922-5590 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. Portage County residents can check eligibility and schedule their appointments by dialing United Way's 2-1-1 or (800)922-5590 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, February 2

LECTOR Tom USHERS Betty, Ron
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS David, Rosemarie, Tom
MUSICIANS Jacque & Carolyn

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

LECTOR Nora USHERS Ron
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MUSICIANS Mary & John

SUNDAY, February 9

LECTOR Deb USHERS Randy & Travis
SERVERS Leo & Landon
MONEY COUNTERS Dave, Lorraine, Marie
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent
Green & Gold Evening
- of fun -
Sat, Feb 8th 2025 5PM After 4pm Mass
open to THE PUBLIC All ages welcome!
Drinks FREE Finger Foods FREE Cheese & Sausage FREE Dessert Bars FREE Door Prizes FREE 50/25/25 Raffle Basket Raffles
Green & Gold Raffle Drawing at 6:30 and Basket Raffle Drawing at 6:00 at St. Ladislaus, 173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley

Green & Gold Raffle
17 Great Prizes! \$1,000 CASH | \$500 CASH | \$500 CASH | 55 inch TV | 13 cash prizes totalling \$3250
Plus 4 other prizes, including
Green Bay Packers 2023 Collectors Series Football
with transferred signatures - Donated by the Green Bay Packers
Raffle tickets available at church rectory.
Tickets also available at:
• Dollar Bills, Roadkill
• Family Tradition Bar, Bevent
• Lisa's at Lakeside, Hatley
• Shellshocked, Galloway
• The Bar, Wausau
Questions? Call the church rectory at 715-448-3080 or Mary at 715-321-3591. Visit parish website or Facebook page. Thank you to raffle ticket sponsors Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home and Calver's in Wausau, Rib Mountain & Rothchild
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ST. MARY-TORUN PONCZKA SALE FEBRUARY 8, 2025

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BE AVAILABLE.**

Cost per dozen: \$13

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WWW.TORUNCATHOLIC.ORG**



The Family Life Committee
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI
DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass
Come enjoy delicious Food and
Wonderful company

Bring your appetite and a dessert to share





**Thursday
Feb. 13**

**Celebrate the Feast of
Blessed James Miller**
Prayer Service and Reception

Gather in-person to celebrate the feast of Blessed James Miller, FSC, the first religious Brother from the United States to be beatified. Born in Stevens Point, WI, De La Salle Christian Brother James Miller was martyred in Guatemala in 1982. He was beatified in 2019 by Pope Francis.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, join others interested in supporting his cause for canonization and remember this hero of faith from the local community. We will invoke his intercession at his gravesite at St. Martin's Church Cemetery, where Brother James' family farm is within view. Following the prayer service, we will meet at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Hall for a reception and display of photos showing images of Blessed James life and cause.

5:30 p.m.

Gravesite Prayer Service*

St. Martin Church Cemetery
6692 Highway 66
Custer, Wisconsin 54423

**In the event of inclement weather, the prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart Church.*

6:00 p.m.

Reception

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
7377 Church St.
Custer, Wisconsin 54423



Scan to register or visit

www.brotherjamesmiller.org