

August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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Please submit bulletin notices to stmary@wi-net.com
by noon on Tuesday.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism class and request a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

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, August 13, @ SH

8:15 am +Edwin Kuklinski by Friends & Relatives

Wednesday, August 14,

8:15 am +Regina, Felix, Myron, Frances & Conroy
Soik by Myron Soik Family

Thursday, August 15,

@ SH 7-8 am Adoration

7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am St. Mary's I.C. &
Sacred Heart Parish Families

SMIC 6 pm +Emily Wierzba &
Felix Zwicki by Eunice & Larry



Friday, August 16

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

8:15 am +Helen & John Schulist

by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

Saturday, August 17, @ SH

8:15 am +Larry Strong by Gene & Carol Knapp

+James Kezeske by Richard Konkol +Ronald Karch

by Marvin & Diane Milanowski +Mary Ellen Lyons

by Virginia Groshek +Bob Zoromski by Germaine

Zoromski +Barney & Lorraine Wroblewski by Gary

& Cindy Kraft +Clarence Ramczyk by Dave & Barb

Kurszewski +Jerry Koshellek by Pete & Becky Skibba

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Harleigh Firkus

by Roger & Janice Firkus Family

Sunday, Aug 18, 20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 am @SMIC +Michael V. Kosobucki

10:00 am @ SH St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred
Heart Parish Families



I am
the living
bread
that came
down from
heaven.

John 6:51





"The value and cost of grace is its interior function which recollects us in God. An interior grace is worth more than a thousand external graces. Our virtues and our devotion have life only through the recollection that animates them and unites them to God." - St. Pierre-Julien Eymard

Dear Parishioners:

In approximately three months we will have elections in our country for various offices, including those at the state and federal levels, in the executive and legislative branches of government. We as Catholics are *obligated* to make an informed decision as to whom we vote for, as well as understanding that we cannot cooperate with evil. Cooperation with evil may be remote, material cooperation (least problematic); proximate, or formal cooperation (most problematic).

Proximate and remote have to do with how "close" or "far" we are to the evil (this does not necessarily equate to physical closeness; it means in the chain of events, in what place (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 250th, etc.) does our action lie. In other words, the closer our actions are to the start of the chain of events, the more "concentrated" our actions, and thus we bear more responsibility; the further down the chain of events our actions are, the more "diluted" our action becomes, and we are less culpable.

Material and formal have to do with in what manner does our cooperation with evil take place. Material means that I'm providing the *means or opportunity* by which the evil can take place. However, this doesn't mean that I necessarily AGREE with the evil or even *know anything about it*, BUT I am nonetheless providing a way for the evil to (potentially) occur. Formal cooperation means that I ACTUALLY WANT the evil to take place, *whether or not* I can provide a real means for it to do so.

Thus, with that in mind, we have to have an understanding of the candidates' platforms, positions, and voting records (if known) in areas especially concerning abortion, marriage, and other aspects of sexual morality. And if a candidate is actively promoting evil in those areas we have to have awareness of that. We cannot blindly vote for whomever without knowledge of key aspects of morality and where that person stands in relation to those areas. We are obligated to have an understanding of that.

Now, one may ask: "Is there an ideal candidate?" No, there is no such thing. No one can always do everything correctly all the time. No one is indefectible. Perhaps though a good way of evaluating this is to look at a candidate's positions, and ask: "Will this person help in my holiness and that of the nation, or hinder it?" Remember, the country will go in the direction of the electorate.

I hope all is well, and that you are having a restful summer. Take courage.

Sincerely,
Fr. Miller

A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist is called Holy Mass

The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "Missa." Missa is related to the word "mission," the root of the English word "mission." At Mass, we come to receive the Eucharist—the Real Presence of Jesus. He gives Himself to us out of love, to strengthen us in living out the Christian life. At the end of Mass, we are dismissed with the words, "The Mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Each of us is sent on mission, to show our love for God by loving and serving others and passing on the Catholic Faith to them. We want to help others to know the Truth – Jesus Christ – so that they also can find peace, which only He can give.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please give me the courage to speak about my friendship with You in simple ways to others, when the opportunity arises. And let my actions speak louder than any words I say.*

This week, read how we are to serve others in Hebrews 6:10. "Through love serve one another."

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

8-4-24

Offertory	\$ 127.00
Building	1120 .00
Adult Env & ACH	1770.00
<i>Total</i> \$3017.00	

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**



Thursday, August 15th
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses
8:15am at Sacred Heart
6:00pm at St. Mary's I.C.



Looking for individuals interested in sharing their faith with the youth of our parish.

Our Faith Formation program meets Sunday mornings from September-May.

Contact Jessica Bielen for more information or if you are interested in volunteering to help teach the catholic faith to our youth.
 jwier319@gmail.com

birthday blessings

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 15th-Josh Genskow
- 20th-Cindy McCarthy
Brian Hoppa
- 21st-Chris Weronke
- 22nd-Michelle Wasielecki
- 23rd-Karen Pacocha

REMINDER: Please contact the office:

If you have a change of address, phone number, or other status changing event so that your parish record can be updated.
 Thank you

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. Thank you

Please remember in your prayers

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish: *Sharon Zblewski, Jean Miller, Joe Raschka, Jerry Lepak, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Mike Mrozek, Shirley Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Mary Ann Meyer, Bridgid & Al Pellatt*

If anyone is in need of spiritual care at your home or the hospital (e.g. confession, Holy Communion, 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.*



**Join us Sunday, August 18
 after the 8 am Mass for our
 COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

ALL ARE WELCOME Hosted by Group 6

BUY SCRIP after Mass AUGUST 25th

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775) **NEW GIFT CARDS ON HAND**
 \$25.00 Kwik Trip –grocery only—15% \$20.00 Carl D's 20%
 \$10.00 Legacy Restaurant 10% \$25.00 Ross Dress for Less 8%



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. THANK YOU for your generous support
Please check the expiration date on items you are donating.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHURCH

picnic



Join us for:
Bingo
Cherry Tree
Basket Raffle
Kids Games
Country Store
Food and Beverages

MUSIC BY
GENESEE DEPOT
5:30-9:30



8611 State Hwy 54, Almond, WI 54909

AUGUST | 17TH | 2024

5 PM - 10 PM
Mass at 4 PM

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Aug 18 8:00 AM

LECTOR Tom **USHERS** Randy & Anthony
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Tom, Dave, Lorraine
MUSICIANS Mary & Jimmy

SUNDAY, Aug 25

LECTOR Nora **USHERS** Kyle & Vincent
SERVERS Zach, Samantha & Spencer
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, Denise
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl



St. Mary's I.C.
Parish Office
is now located
on the main floor
in the addition of the Church

Polonia Gazebo Self-Serve Gift Shop.

Feel free to browse the Gift Shop located in the middle of the convent grounds behind the Polonia Convent. Please use the SOUTH door of the gazebo.

Looking for school volunteers who want to make a real difference! The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is ideal for income eligible people 55+ who enjoy children, have some extra time, want activity to keep young, and could use a tax-free stipend and mileage reimbursement each month. Under the direction of a teacher, each Foster Grandparent spends 7.5 hours or more per week in an area school assisting children, one-on-one and in small groups, with developmental and learning tasks such as reading, language, math and social skills. On-going training is provided, and no previous classroom experience is needed.

For information, contact the FGP Coordinator, the Aging & Disability Resource Center, 715-346-1401.

Retrouaille: Healing Your Marriage – Retrouaille (French for “Rediscovery”) is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Information, 1.877.922.HOPE (4673), HelpOurMarriage.org. Fully Confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, Aug. 16-18.

43rd Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, 10 AM-2 PM : Join hundreds of the faithful at the Schmidt Family Farm, 29281 Fairview Rd., Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass 10am he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you’ve been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends are September 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call (563)920-9419 for information or sign up at wwme.org.

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortion? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Retreats will be offered in the Diocese of Madison on Nov. 8-10 2024. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.