

November 3, 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Mary 's  
Immaculate Conception Parish**

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by noon on Tuesday.

**PARISH CLERGY**

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You may reach Father Miller for both emergency and non emergency situations by calling Sacred Heart office at any time of the day.

**PARISH STAFF**

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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, November 5,

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, November 6,**

**8:15 am +Troy Bronk by Marlene & Family**

Thursday, November 7, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Ronald Karch by Bernadetta Karch

**Friday, November 8**

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

**8:15 am +Chuck Egle**

**by Marlene & Bernard Schulist**

Saturday, November 9, @ SH

8:15 am - +Ronald Karch by Barbara Konkol

+Clarence Ramczyk by Bryon & Laurie Simonis

+Larry Strong by Betty Kowalski

+Gladys Lepak by Family

+Norman Platta by Virginia Groshek

+Lorraine Wroblewski by Tom & Ruth Printz

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Deceased members of the Glinecki,

Gagas, & Kostuch Families

by Ralph & Theresa Kostuch

**Sunday, Nov 10, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am @SH St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart

Parish Families

**10:00 am +Rita Raschka by Chet**

**+Henry & Phyllis Klesmith by JoAnn Rutta**

**+Jerry Rozek by Kenny & Betty**

**+George Betro by Louise, Pam & Mark**

**+Richie Zblewski by Bernard & Marlene Schulist**





*"In telling us to learn a lesson from the lilies of the field that do not sow, Jesus is not encouraging us to avoid working. He is simply forbidding us to become overly anxious about things." - St. John Chrysostom*

Dear Parishioners:

Just as a reminder, the 2024 Annual Appeal has begun. As I previously mentioned at Mass the goal for this year is \$22,455. All of you should have received or will shortly receive from the diocese a packet. In the packet you will find a brochure that explains the case statement, the breakdown for the appeal and where the monies will go as well as a pledge card and envelope. Because this is election year, there may be a delay in your receiving this information. However it should arrive at some point. If not, I have extra pledge cards and brochures. It's important that all of us contribute to this appeal. I've submitted my personal donation to the diocese. If everyone participates, I'm confident we can meet the goal. The appeal will end June 30, 2025. Whatever balance is remaining the parish will have to pay it. Please keep this in prayer. Cordially,  
Fr. Miller

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:9** DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL

PLEDGED AND RECEIVED

# OF DONORS

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
10-27-24	
Offertory	\$ 151.00
Mission Sunday	320.00
Building Fund	25.00
Adult Env	
& ACH	1043.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1539.00</b>

**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**

**YOU CAN DRINK THE WATER!**

We have the results from Portage County, and our water has tested **SAFE TO DRINK.**

**A BIG Thank YOU**

A Big Thank you to those who have been involved with the WELL PROJECT. All the phone calls, emails, filling out the forms, clearing the land, many hours went into this project. So please THANK..... Pat Johnson, Ron Wierzba, Marie Helminiak, Christine Sapa, Kirk Wille, Josh Genskow, Nick Stremkowski, Randy Maslowski, and Bernard Schulist.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Stuczynski Trucking & Excavating and Bertram-Junemann Well Drilling, they did additional work for no charge to St. Mary's I.C.

**A Minute with Jesus: You receive Jesus Himself in Holy Communion**

God desires that you spend eternity in heaven with the Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus was willing to die for you so you may be united with Him forever in heaven.

However, you can be united with Jesus even now, by receiving Jesus in holy Communion.

Your closest union with Jesus on earth is receiving the holy Eucharist – Jesus Himself – at Mass.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, help me to receive Your love. Strengthen my faith to believe that when I receive holy Communion at Mass, I receive You. I am so thankful for You, that You want me to be with You now and forever in heaven.*

This week, read how Jesus teaches us that if we eat the "living bread" – the holy Eucharist – we will live forever in John 6:48-58.

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from First Choice Pregnancy, Stevens Point, 800-712-help or [www.firstchoiceprc.org](http://www.firstchoiceprc.org) or [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).



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

Coordinator of Religious Education Jessica Bielen  
(715)347-3367 or [jwier319@gmail.com](mailto:jwier319@gmail.com)



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!



Keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they receive the sacrament this afternoon. *Vincent, Zach and Caly: Remember that God is always with you. He's ready to support you in all of your efforts, missteps, and successes. May you find strength and perseverance through him and his guidance today and always.*

\*\*Take a look at their posters by the front door.



**FAMILY MASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**, at 10 a.m. All Students and their Parents are asked to attend. This is part of our Faith Formation Program.



*Join us Sunday,  
November 10th  
after the 10 am*

**Mass for our COFFEE  
& DONUT SOCIAL  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Hosted by Group 3

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:  
*Chelsea Stoltz, Pat Maslowski, Sharon Zblewski,  
Joe Raschka, Jean Miller, Shirley Pliska, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska,  
Henry Heim, Carol Zinda, Jerry Lepak, Mike Mrozek,  
Ken Wierzba, Brigid & 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](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com) FIRST NAMES ONLY will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.*

**Altar Society Annual Collection** - there will be a 2nd collection next Sunday on November 10th. **This is their only fund raiser of the year.** Money collected is used to purchase wine, hosts, candles, Altar cloths, plus the Society offers two Masses yearly for the societies living and deceased members. Thank you for your generosity! For those who are unable to attend Mass and would like to donate, please make check out to St. Mary's I.C. and send to 7176 Esker Road Custer WI 54423.



During the month of November, we will be lighting a candle in memory of our deceased parish family members that passed away this past year.... **Myron Soik Chuck Egle, Richie Zblewski, Judi Johnson and Gladys Pampuch** *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen*

**BUY SCRIP** after Mass November 10th & 24th

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

SCRIP sold in Month of October  
total=\$10,695.00 profit= \$ 482.30

*Liturgical Appointments*

**SUNDAY, Nov 10**

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Travis & Randy  
**SERVERS** Landon, Leo, Caly  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Dave, Lorraine, Tom  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

**SUNDAY, Nov 17**

**LECTOR** Deb **USHERS** Randy I & Anthony  
**SERVERS** Zach, Samantha, Spencer  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Jeremy, Lisa, Kirk  
**MUSICIANS** Carolyn & Jacquie

**CEMETERY REMINDER:**

If you haven't already done so...Please do this week. With Winter approaching we would like to remind everyone that all decorations need to be removed. All items not removed after this week (Nov 9th) will be removed and disposed of. Thank you Cemetery maintenance

**Do you feel called to be a Deacon?**

The deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse seek to live their vocation as humble images of Christ the Servant. They are mostly men with wives and families. They have had, and often continue to have, active careers.

Before they began their formation toward the diaconate, most were already serving their parishes as dedicated members of the laity.

If you are thinking that God may be calling you to this ministry, now is the time to inquire and explore. Contact me now to discuss the formation process and get more information for our upcoming Discernment Retreat which is required for entry into the program.

Deacon Bob Riedl, Director – Office of the Diaconate – La Crosse  
rriedl@diolclergy.org

**The "Good News" is Not Meant to be Kept to Ourselves**

The "Good News" is that God created each one of us through love, and through love continues to hold us in existence. Further, our dignity rests above all on the fact that we are called to be united with God. Therefore, our friendship with Him is central to our lives. Although we can forget God or place other things before Him, He never ceases to call each of us to seek Him to find life and happiness. We come in contact with people who need to hear us speak from the heart about the difference that our relationship with Jesus Christ has in our life and to point out the way to seek Him. If we ask Him, the Holy Spirit will always guide us in these efforts.

**MAGNIFICAT Subscriptions:** The parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Immaculate Conception are again extending an offer to parishioners to sign up for, or renew, an annual subscription to receive a monthly copy of the MAGNIFICAT for a reduced price. The renewal period will be after the January 2025 issue.

The standard price for an annual subscription is \$49.00; however, your price will be \$39.00. Each month your copy will be available for pickup at the parish. If you would like to reserve or renew your subscription, please complete the order form located below and return it to your parish office with your \$39 payment made payable to St. Mary's I.C. by December 1st.



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3rd-Shirley Pliska 5th-Bob Wanserski,  
Travis Kempf & Heidi Schleicher
- 6th-Jerome Firkus 11th-Karen Britz &  
Bernard Schulist 13th-Jeremy Piesik
- 18th-Shelly Stremkowski 20th-Deacon  
Jim & Lori Stoltz 21st-Jeanne Dodge
- 22nd Kathy Rucinski 23rd-Bonnie  
Kosobucki 27th-Marlene Schulist



**Servers needed for November 4th**



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

**St. Mary's I.C.**

**Salvation Army Servers**

We need your help! We once again will prepare & serve dinner for people in need at the Salvation Army on the **First Monday** of every month. Please consider donating your time to this wonderful cause. For information please contact Gina 920-540-7804

**MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this form to your parish office by December 1st)



# GIVE - THANKS GIVE - BACK



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> – November 24<sup>th</sup>

Please help us restock our Food Panty so we can give some families a Thanksgiving Blessing. Following is a suggested list of items you can donate. You can bring the items to St. Mary's I.C. each week or bring your filled box on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please check expiration dates, we will not accept outdated items. Thank you!

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - macaroni & cheese

November 14<sup>th</sup> – corn

November 4<sup>th</sup> – soup

November 15<sup>th</sup> – juice

November 5<sup>th</sup> – cake mix

November 16<sup>th</sup> – green beans

November 6<sup>th</sup> – frosting

November 17<sup>th</sup> – stuffing mix

November 7<sup>th</sup> – cereal

November 18<sup>th</sup> – potatoes

November 8<sup>th</sup> – brownie mix

November 19<sup>th</sup> – gravy

November 9<sup>th</sup> – rice

November 20<sup>th</sup> – crackers

November 10<sup>th</sup> – pasta

November 21<sup>st</sup> – sugar

November 11<sup>th</sup> – spaghetti sauce

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – carrots

November 12<sup>th</sup> – jelly

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – fruit

November 13<sup>th</sup> – peanut butter

November 24<sup>th</sup> – cranberry sauce

*Sponsored by St. Mary's I.C. Justice & Peace Committee*

**Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026** Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

**What Are You Looking For?**

*The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest.*

*If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!*

The Monteverdi Chorale—Concert, *In Remembrance*, dedicated to honoring the memories of loved ones we have lost. This heartfelt concert will take place on Sunday, Nov 10th, 4 PM at Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church 1300 Main St, Stevens Point Seniors (65+): \$15 Adults: \$20 Students & Youth: Free For information about the Monteverdi Chorale and *In Remembrance*, visit [monteverdichorale.org](http://monteverdichorale.org) or [executivedirector@monteverdichorale.org](mailto:executivedirector@monteverdichorale.org).

COME ONE, COME ALL  
**Madrigral Feast**

St James and St. Mary of Mount Carmel  
 Catholic Churches  
*invite you to join them*  
**Sunday, December 15th, 2024**  
 Cocktail Hour: 3:00 pm  
 Dinner Show: 4:00 pm  
 An evening of a tasteful dinner,  
 lots of fun, and a generous serving of  
 incredible holiday music and spirit  
 - Limited Seating Available -  
**Tickets On Sale Now**  
**Call 715-824-3455**  
 Early Ticket Sale Price  
**\$45.00**  
 St. James  
 453 S. Main Street  
 Amherst

**St. Casimir's Parish**

203 W. Casimir Road, Stevens Point

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**MENU**

All-U-Can-Eat Homemade Potato & Buttermilk Pancakes

Sausage

Applesauce

Juice - Coffee

Homemade Nut Breads and Bars

Adults \$12.00 6-12 years \$6.00

Pre-School Free

**9:00 am Mass with Polka music**

**Raffle Baskets ~ Bake Sale ~ Cutlery Sale**

North of Stevens Point on N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Drive to Casimir Road, then West for 1 mile  
 OR

North of Stevens Point on I-39 to Casimir Road (Exit 163),  
 then left (West) on Casimir Road for 1/2 mile

**Apostles of the New Springtime**

Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. Join us for food, fellowship and faith, 6 am every Tuesday, at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia. All men are welcome. Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org).

