

December 29, 2024



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

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THE FEAST
OF THE
HOLY
FAMILY



PARISH CLERGY

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PARISH STAFF

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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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 31,

NO MASS

**Wednesday, January 1, Nativity of the Lord,
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

8:15 am For the health of Isaac Miller

**6:00 pm @SH St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart
Parish Families**

Thursday, January 2

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

8:15 am +Edmund Bruske by Deb Adamski

Friday, January 3

7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am: +Wayne Raschka by Chet

9 am: Silent Adoration

3 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet/Closing
Benediction



Saturday, January 4, @ SH

8:15 am +Diane Jacob by Lorraine Pflugardt

+Raymond Gagas by Larry & Elaine Gagas

+Lorraine Wroblewski by Gary & Cindy Kraft

+Jerry Basinski by James & Kathy Wrycza

+Larry & Kathy Wanserski by Tom & Julie

Wanserski +Larry Strong by Barb Konkol

+Val Blaskey by Greg & Kari Blaskey

+Clarence Rameczyk by Deb Adamski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Harleigh Firkus

by Roger & Janice Firkus Family

Sunday, Jan 5, Epiphany of the Lord

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

Parish Families

**10:00 am Richie Zblewski by Sharon, Barb, Lori,
Richard Jr, Amanda & Suzy**

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”



"Remember how the crown was attained by those whose suffering gave new radiance to their faith. The whole company of saints bears witness to the unfailing truth that without genuine effort no one wins the crown." - St. Thomas Becket

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
December 22	
Offertory	\$ 148.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Building Fund	35.00
Adult Env	
<u>& ACH</u>	<u>1895.00</u>
Total	\$ 2098.00

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus came into the world as part of a Family The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph allows us to see the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life. The power of God’s grace needed for family life comes to us through receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. Let us be faithful during this beautiful season of Christmas, and beyond, in attending Sunday Mass together as a family.

End of the Year Contributions
All contributions postmarked 12/31/2024 will be posted and processed for the calendar/tax year 2024. All contributions received or postmarked after 12/31/24 will be posted into 2025, regardless of whether a 2024 giving envelope is used.

Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as part of a family, providing a model for families to navigate a culture that rejects God.* This week, read about the difficulty that the Holy Family experienced when they were separated from Jesus for three days in Luke 2:41-52.

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:

Valerie Stanczyk, Henry Gagas, Sharon Zblewski, Joe Raschka, Jean Miller, Shirley Pliska, Betty Kowalski, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, 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. 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.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

Please pick up your **2025 Church Support Envelopes** located on the table in back of Church. If you contribute through DIRECT WITHDRAWAL you will still need to pick up your envelopes. Included with the weekly offering envelopes are Special Collections, Holy Days, and Building Fund. Thank you for your support.



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

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St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!

Inclement Weather Policy:

Parish Office and Scheduled Activities.

St. Mary's I.C. and Sacred Heart Parishes follows Stevens Point Public Schools for delays, closures, and cancellations. When Stevens Point Public Schools close and/or cancel evening activities, the Parish Office and Sacred Heart School will close and all activities at the parish are cancelled. Cancellations and closures will also be posted on the website.

If Parish office is closed due to inclement weather, Father will still celebrate daily Mass at scheduled time at Sacred Heart. There will be no Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

PLEASE NOTE: When Mass is scheduled at St. Mary's I.C. Father will still celebrate the Mass, but at Sacred Heart. If you are ever unable to drive safely, please do not risk coming to Mass.

BUY SCRIP After Mass JANURAY 12th & 26th

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

Thank you for supporting our scrip program.

Mass stipends for the Wisconsin Province will increase to a maximum of \$20 effective July 1, 2024. If you would like to offer a Mass at St. Mary's I.C. Parish, kindly consider an offering between \$10-20 dollars.

DATES AVAILABLE - WE HAVE SOME DAYS OPEN IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY. Please contact the office this week to schedule a Mass. Thank you.



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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8th-Bette Britz 9th Joe Raschka

10th-Liz Mocado

12th-Elizabeth Yarbrough

14th-Marie Helminiak

17th-Kevin Zurawski & Anthony Kosobucki

28th-Trevor Kluck

"For we are co-workers;
you are God's field,
God's building."
1 Corinthians 3:9
DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL

PLEGDED AND RECEIVED

OF DONORS

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

January 3rd, 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.



THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.

YOUR HELP is NEEDED on **Sunday, January 12th** after Mass. We will be taking the decorations down and putting away. Please stay after Mass and lend a hand! Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Liturgical Appointments

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st 8:15 am

LECTOR Deb **USHERS** volunteer
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MUSICIANS Jacquie & John C

SUNDAY, January 5

LECTOR Kenny **USHERS** Betty & Ron
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS David, Rosemarie, Kirk
MUSICIANS Carolyn & Jacquie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

2025 Calendars.... A gift for St. Mary's I.C. parishioners.
A SPECIAL THANK YOU to PISARSKI FUNERAL HOMES,
703 Second Street, Stevens Point, and 2911 Plover Road,
Plover, for donating the calendars.



THANK YOU to all who generously contributed to our Christmas flower collection and to the beauty of our worship this Christmas Season.

George & Eun Joo Breitenstein
Marlene Bronk
Mary Egle

A.W. Breitenstein
John Bronk, Troy Bronk
Chuck Egle

Jerome & Lisa Firkus
Cheryl Gagas
Henry Gagas
Denise & Ken Glodowski
Patrick Johnson
Rufin Kluck
Trevor & Meghan Kluck
Kosobucki

Ron & Ruth Werachowski
Butch Gagas
Theresa Gagas, Henry Gagas Sr
Dennis Przybylski, Bill Kolinski, Harlan & Rita Glodowski

Kluck Family
Dorothy Gavin, Rudy & Dorothy Weinfurter, Seth Zakrzewski
Michael V. Kosobucki, Carl & Zita Beigel, Jesse Pattillo,
Zachary Simonis

Carla Kotolski
LeRoy Kropidlowski
Elsie Mansavage
Pat Maslowski
Darrell & Sharon Meronek
Kate Peterson
Piesik
Shirley Pliska
Bill & Sarah Raschka
Chet Raschka

Tony & Marge Duffek
Darlene Kropidlowski
David Mansavage, Judi Johnson
Bette Maslowski
Henry & Phyllis Klesmith

Joe Raschka
Kenny & Betty Rozek
Bernard & Marlene Schulist
Nora Stransky
LeRoy & Pat Wierzba
Dorothy Wolloch

Phil & Rose Stremkowski
Ervin Pliska
Harold Raschka

Russ & Diane Wysocki
Yarbrough
Sharon Zblewski

Joe & Mary Raschka
Eugene & Mary Ann Meyer, Jerry & Marcie Rozek
Raymond Richter, John Schulist Fam.
Denny Stransky
The deceased members of Wierzba & Radomski Fam.
Lucas Wolloch, Bruce Bernhagen, Jeanette Tiske,
Paul & Josephine Trebe
Gusty & Janet Peplinski, Alvis Wysocki
Michael Kosobucki, Jesse Pattillo
Richie Zblewski

JANUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31	1	2	3
			Pope Francis	Bp. Battersby	Fr. John Ofori-Domah	Fr. David Olson
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fr. Daniel Oudenhoven	Fr. Timothy Oudenhoven	Fr. Cryton Outschoorn	Fr. Woodrow Pace	Fr. Isaac Pecha	Fr. Chinnappan Pelavendran	Fr. Mariapackiam Pitchai-Savari
	12	13	14	15	16	17
Fr. John Potaczek	Fr. Peter Raj	Fr. Arandan Rajendran	Fr. Jerzy Rebacz	Fr. Damien Redfern	Fr. Joseph Richards	Fr. Timothy Riether
	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fr. Rick Roberts	Fr. Douglas Robertson	Fr. Derek Sakowski	Fr. Joseph Saleth	Fr. Barry Saylor	Fr. Robert Schaller	Fr. Anbalagan Shanmugam
	26	27	28	29	30	31
Msgr Roger Scheckel	Fr. Levi Schmitt	Fr. Daniel Sedlacek	Fr. Allan Slowiak	Fr. Arockia Amirtha Stanislaus	Fr. Robert Swing	

Please pray some kind of prayer for the priest listed each day. It's good to pray for our priests in general of course, but also specifically. Thank you