

October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

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

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.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor 715-600-6942

fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com

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dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com

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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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, October 29, @ SH

8:15 am +Edwin & Regina Gagas by family

Wednesday, October 30,

8:15 am +Dolores Ganski-Wierzba

by Dolores & Peter Woczja

Thursday, October 31, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Clarence Ramczyk by Arleen Gross

Reminder. *All Saints Day, November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation.*



Friday, November 1 ALL SAINTS

7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Butch Gagas by Emilie Studinski

9 am Silent Adoration 3 pm Divine Mercy

Chaplet/Closing Benediction

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

Saturday, November 2, @ SH

8:15 am +Ronald Karch by Pat Richter & Family

+Clarence Ramczyk by Ernie & Carol Kezeske +Bill

& Diane Dombrowski by Dave & Barb Kurszewski

+Larry Strong by Casey & Marcie Janowski +Peter

Wryzca by Leroy & Mary Wiza +Mary Kuczkowski

by Mary Ann Kobishop +Norman Platta by Marlene

Dombrowski +Mary Kuczkowski by Mary Ann

Kobishop +James Kezeske by Scott & Lori Kluck

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart

Parish Families

Sunday, Nov 3, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am @SH +Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

10:00 am +Prosper & Evelyn Gosh and

deceased family members by family





"The Church has the following characteristic qualities: She overcomes when she is attacked. She is understood when she is disputed. And she grows greater when she is abandoned." - St. Hilary of Poitiers

A Minute with Jesus: Choose to receive the love of Christ in Holy Communion

God created you with a body and a soul. Your soul allows you to think and choose. Your soul gives you the power to choose what is right and good and most importantly, to choose to love God and be faithful to Him. We choose to receive the unconditional love of Jesus when we receive Him in holy Communion at Mass.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to always choose to love You and be faithful to You.*

This week, read how we are to choose to follow Jesus through entering the narrow gate in Matthew 7:13-14.

Our Missionary Legacy—World Mission Sunday

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family. Please take this to prayer and reflect on how all of us can help financially. Envelopes are in the pews and in the entrance of the Church. Checks should be payable to St. Mary's I.C. Parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

10-20-24

Offertory	\$ 249.00
Mission Sunday	145.00
Adult Env & ACH	1585.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 1979.00</i>

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**



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

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GOAL



PLEGGED AND RECEIVED

OF DONORS

You should have received information regarding this year's appeal in the mail this week. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Annual Appeal. By supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal with an open heart and a spirit of unity, our prayers and financial contributions, regardless of their size, allow us to extend our reach to those most in need.

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

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

November 1st, 9am-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. We are Blessed to be able to offer First Friday Devotion but our Lord cannot be left alone. **Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.** A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Church entrance.



BUY SCRIP after Mass

November 10th & 24th
If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)



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

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



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!



Confirmation Please remember in your prayers
Vincent Sapa, Zach Piesik and Caly Lepak
as they prepare for Confirmation. May God continue to guide and
fill them with his grace as they journey closer to him. Take a
look at their posters by the front door.

Pass on the "Good News"

We have "Good News" about how much God loves us! As part of His beautiful plan for the human person, God designed each of us so that we have the desire for Him written in our hearts. The reason for this desire is because man and woman are created by God and for God. He loves us unconditionally, and therefore, He never ceases to draw us to Himself. And it is only in God that we find the truth and happiness for which we are always searching. Let us be compelled to speak from our hearts to our children about the amazing love God has for us.



*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.
Servers needed for November 4th
For information please contact
Gina 920-540-7804

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

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:
*Chelsea Stoltz, Pat Maslowski, Sharon Zblewski, Joe Raschka,
Jean Miller, Shirley Pliska, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, 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 FIRST NAMES ONLY will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.



CEMETERY REMINDER:

With Winter approaching we would like to remind everyone that all decorations need to be removed. All items not removed by **Oct 27th** will be removed and disposed of. Thank you Cemetery maintenance

Help Those Devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton Hurricanes Helene and Milton have caused catastrophic damage in the southeast and killed scores of people. Whole communities are flooded and millions are without power. Please support those who continue to suffer the storms' effects by making a donation at www.cclse.org (scroll down to "Hurricane Helene and Milton Relief Fund")

THANK YOU.....We, the Missionary Sisters of the Divine Image, are very grateful to all the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish Polonia and St Mary's Custer for all your kindness, donations and prayers. Your words of encouragement and donations have been very helpful to our plans and arrangements for getting sisters over. We got a total donation of #17,658.85 from March till today. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU, NONSTOP! Thanks very much to all of you.
Yours in Divine Image, Sr. Ugochi Vivian Ozurumba- MSDI


Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Nov 3
LECTOR Kenny **USHERS** Betty & Ron
SERVERS Elizabeth, Maddie
MONEY COUNTERS David, Rosemarie, Denise
MUSICIANS Carolyn & Jacquie

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

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.

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
riedl@diolclergy.org



- 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

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, November 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 or executivedirector@monteverdichorale.org.

 **St. Philip Church**
 Rudolph, WI

Pancake Breakfast

(Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes)
BAKE SALE - BASKET RAFFLE
Sunday, November 3rd, 2024
 Serving 8:00 am -12:00 pm
 Wagner Hall

Serving
 Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes,
 Pork Sausage Patties
 Applesauce and Sweet Rolls

Adults - \$10.00 Ages 6-12 - \$5.00
5 and under - Free


Mass at 8:30 am
 Sponsored by: **COURT #475**
CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Sacred Heart STEAK NIGHT

Dinner & Raffle 
 Polonia, Wisconsin

Sacred Heart Church
 Saturday, November 2, 2024 • Drawing at 7:00 pm

Dinner Tickets are \$30 each and are available at: Polonia Café, JR's Saloon, Sylvia's, Pineries Bank, Kim's Barrel Inn, and Sacred Heart Parish

 Country Fresh Meats' 14-ounce ribeye choice of mushrooms and onions, baked potato, an outstanding salad bar, and delicious desserts.

Mass will be at 4:00 p.m.
 Dinner service begins at 5:00 p.m.

 **GUNS**
 Certificates of value at Fleet Farm

NOVEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	29	30	31	1
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					Pope Francis	Bp. Battersby
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Fr. David Bruener	Fr. Jesse Burish	Fr. Alan Burkhardt	Msgr. Jeffrey Burrill	Fr. Jared Clements	Fr. William Dhein	Fr. Francis Diaz
	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Msgr. Joseph Diermeier	Fr. Billy Dodge	Fr. Clayton Elmhorst	Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh	Fr. William Felix	Fr. Victor Feltes	Fr. James Genovesi
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Fr. John Gilbert	Msgr. Richard Gilles	Msgr. Michael Gorman	Fr. George Graham	Fr. Alan Guarella	Fr. Brandon Guenther	Fr. Jeffrey Hennes
	24	25	26	27	28	29
						30
Fr. Fernando Hernandez	Msgr. Joseph Hirsch	Fr. Jerome Hoeser	Fr. Ethan Hokamp	Fr. Aaron Huberfeld	Fr. Thomas Huff	Fr. Wesley Janowski

1 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

Politics, Voting and Christian Faith



As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we engage the world of politics and elections. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark. A generation ago, a large majority of Americans shared this view. Call it the Classical Christian worldview. It was the common foundation for our social and political life; we assumed it like the ground beneath our feet. Today, however, that foundation is under attack from another worldview, one that rejects God, or at least marginalizes him, as it makes the self supreme. Let's call it the Radical Selfist worldview.

The Classical Christian Worldview

The Classical Christian worldview holds that we have received our lives as a gift from a God who loves us, and that we are accountable to him. It believes in moral laws that God has written on our hearts and clarified through his revelation. This is his blueprint for us, his design for our happiness and fulfillment. This blueprint reveals to us certain foundational moral principles. Among them, we see:

- That every human life, of every race and nation, born and unborn, is sacred, with equal rights and dignity;
- That we are created male or female according to God's plan;
- That sexual relations are meant for marriage between one man and one woman;
- That religious freedom and the rights of conscience are sacred.

Though we are imperfect human beings, we work to build our lives on foundational principles such as these, as we raise our families and shape our social and civic communities.

The Radical Selfist Worldview

The Radical Selfist worldview opposes everything we have just described, rejecting the idea of a God-given blueprint. Everything is up to personal 'choice.' We can choose our own gender, our preferred exercise of sexuality, our definition of marriage, and even whether a child in the womb shall live or die. Radical Selfism preaches tolerance until it gains power, at which point it seeks to intimidate, silence and punish those who disagree with it. Unfortunately, this worldview has been promoted by many in Hollywood, mass media, and big tech. It has also infected substantial segments of corporate America, the education system, and government.

Political Consequences

Sadly, the current political landscape essentially forces us to choose between these worldviews. This choice has weighty consequences at every level of government, from the White House and Congress to State and local officials and school boards. The most telling indicator of Radical Selfism is advocacy of abortion, by which man steals from God the very power over life and death. By far the gravest human rights violation of our time, abortion has cost the lives of more than 64 million unborn babies in our nation. Thankfully, the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision reversing *Roe v. Wade* returned abortion law to the states. But abortion advocacy continues with its deceitful buzzwords and slogans, closing its eyes to the life of the child in the womb. And abortion is inevitably clustered with other positions of the Radical Selfist worldview.

What is a Christian to do?

While we cannot expect perfection from any political candidate, it is vital that Christians support those most closely aligned with the Classical Christian worldview, and oppose those aligned with the Radical Selfist worldview. For Radical Selfism, with its worship of 'choice' in place of God, inevitably produces bitter fruits: moral and civil breakdown, destruction, and death. It is simply impossible to achieve lasting harmony and peace without adhering to the foundational principles of God's plan. Therefore, let us be courageous witnesses to the Gospel, and pray tirelessly that God might heal our nation and lead us in his ways. And let us intensify our efforts to elect candidates with the courage to stand up for the God-given principles and rights on which our nation was founded. Our future, and the future of our children and our grandchildren, is at stake.



Christopher Ruff, Director of the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns.
*The Diocese of La Crosse does not endorse candidates or parties,
But lends its voice in forming consciences for faithful citizenship.*