

December 1, 2024



Happy 1st week of Advent!



St. Mary ' s

Immaculate Conception

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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.

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, December 3,

8:15 am +Linda Konkol by Richard Konkol

Wednesday, December 4,

8:15 am +Myron Soik by Gerald Sankey

Thursday, December 5

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

8:15 am @ SH +Kuffel & Gagas Family by family



December 6 7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am: For the living & deceased

members of St. Mary's Altar Society

9 am Silent Adoration

3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/Closing Benediction

Saturday, December 7, @ SH

8:15 am +James Kezeske by Kevin & Kim Trelka

+Peter Wrycza by Bryon & Laurie Simonis +Larry

Strong by Casey & Marcie Janowski +Ronald Karch

by Maurice & Sandra Damask +Clarence Rameczyk

by James & Kathy Wrycza +Gladys Lepak by Family

+Gerald Basinski by Jake & Mary Fredrickson

Good Health for James P. Hess by Dan Zaborowski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SMIC

4:00 pm @ SMIC

+Mary Ann Meyer by Betty & Kenny Rozek

Sunday, Dec 8, Second Sunday of Advent

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

Parish Families

10:00 am +John Bronk by Marlene & Family

+Chuck Egle by Gerald & Joan Matyka

+Edwin & Verona Herek by Family

+Carol & Randy Perzinski

AT THAT TIME THEY WILL
SEE THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN A CLOUD
WITH POWER AND GREAT
GLORY.

- LUKE 21:27





"Come, Sun and Savior, to embrace our gloomy world, its weary race, as groom to bride, as bride to groom: The wedding chamber Mary's womb. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord. Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe." (An Advent hymn from the 8th C.)

Dear Parishioners:

With this Sunday, we begin a new Liturgical Year. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing. It is also a penitential season. While it is not as penitential as Lent, there still is that aspect of mortification. To prepare not only for Christ's birth, but also the Second Coming which is the purpose of Advent, it's important that we have the right disposition. Take time for quiet (keep the radio off in the car, have thirty minutes of silence at home each day, etc.), and do little acts of penance throughout the Season. I hope this Advent is a blessed time for all of us.

Cordially, Fr. Miller

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, Henry Heim, 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.

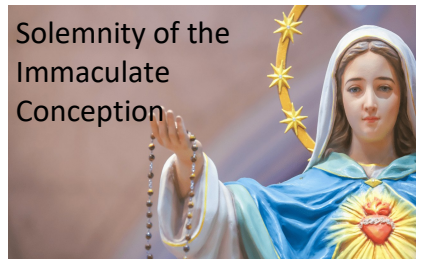
WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory	\$ 132.00
Christmas Flowers	240.00
Building Fund	10.00
Adult Env & ACH	938.00
Total	\$ 1320.00

2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal St. Mary's I.C.

Goal: \$22,455.00
Pledged: \$12,597.50
Received: \$11,597.50

#of Donors 42



Mass for The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron saint will be on **Monday, December 9, 6:00 pm** here @ St. Mary's I.C.

One traditional custom is the Advent wreath, which helps us to stay focused on this time of preparation and can be assembled by using evergreen limbs from a tree in the yard and four candles. The evergreens, which retain their green, vibrant life through the year, signify continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ who was victorious over sin and death through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The light of the candles shines in the darkness, which is most evident during this time of the year as it is darker due to shorter daylight hours. We use candles in the Advent wreath, signifying the coming of Christ who is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God. Jesus is the Light of the world!

The annual collection in parishes for the **National Retirement Fund for Religious** Please donate next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 21,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.



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

Coordinator of Religious Education Jessica Bielen
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FAMILY MASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, at 10 a.m.
All Students and their Parents are asked to attend.
This is part of our Faith Formation Program.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!



*Join us Sunday,
December 15th
after the 10 am
Mass for our COFFEE
& DONUT SOCIAL
ALL ARE WELCOME
Hosted by Group 7*

BUY SCRIP after Mass
DECEMBER 8th & 15th
SCRIP MAKES GREAT
CHRISTMAS GIFTS!
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 November
total=\$11,335.00
profit= \$ 486.95

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING,
Monday Dec 2nd 12 Noon in
the church for rosary, followed
by lunch in upper meeting room,
hosted by Rose 1. Meeting,
signing of Christmas cards and
fun activities. **Bring along an**
unwrapped re-gift in new
condition, gift value est. \$5
for gift exchange All women
of the parish are welcome; bring
a friend for a good time.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER
DONATION envelopes can be
found in your Church Support envelopes
and also in the Church entrance.
Please include the name of the
person you wish to donate in
memory of.
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.
THANK YOU for your generous support for our **GIVE—**
THANKS, GIVE—BACK, THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE,
3 families received groceries and we restocked our
Little Food Pantry in the parking lot.

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus came into the world to save us by reconciling us with God

Through the original sin, Adam and Eve separated themselves from God. They lost the gift of grace – God's very life within them. They were no longer united with God in a relationship of love. Further, there was nothing Adam and Eve, or you and I, could do to fix the problems instigated by the original sin, above all, our separation from God. The "Good News" is that Jesus came to be among us as our Savior, to reconcile us with God. To accomplish this, Christ established one Church and instituted seven sacraments. Still today the sacraments are the means through which we receive God's gift of grace, His divine life within us. This shows how much God loves us: He wants to be so close that He wants to dwell within us! The holy Eucharist is the greatest of the sacraments by bringing us into the closest union with Jesus on Earth. Let us prepare our hearts before Mass every Sunday for so great a Gift!

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, thank You for coming for us on the first Christmas, as well as Your coming to us most especially in the holy Eucharist on Christmas.*

This week, read how the prophet Isaiah announced the coming of the Messiah in Isaiah 11:1-3.



HOOKED ON LOVE candy canes are ready to select. The holiday season is a time of loving and giving. We are asking you to add one more to your giving list. Think of single mothers, especially if they are unemployed, the joy baby supplies will give them. You would like to give but have no idea how to do it. With **Hooked on Love**, we try to make sharing your love easier. At the entrance of the church is a Christmas tree with color-coded candy canes on it. **TAKE A CANDY CANE, YOUR RIBBON COLOR** indicates the cost of the suggested item to give.

RED RIBBONS (\$5-\$10.00), **WHITE RIBBONS** (\$10.00+), and **GREEN RIBBONS** (\$25.00+).

We accept any monetary donations and **SCRIP CARDS** from Target, Wal-Mart or Metro Mart can also be purchased, (**Mark envelopes Hooked on Love**) and drop it in the church collection. **NO formula or perishable food items** or used items. **Items need to be new**, a full listing of needed items can be found on the wall in the entrance. Needed before morning of Dec. 15th. Items will be donated to the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center. **Put your items in the Play N Pak in the entrance of church.**

If you know of PARISHIONERS THAT COULD USE EXTRA Baby Supplies! If you know of **anyone** in the parish or area who could use a help with baby supplies contact Marie Helminiak (715-592-4971 or 715-592-4330) and leave a message, before Dec. 15th. Names will be kept confidential.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

December 6th, 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. ***Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.*** A sign-up sheet is located in the table in the Church entrance.



SACRED HEART CHURCH
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

13 cookies for \$12

12/14/24 -2:30-5:30 pm | 12/15/24 -7-9:30 am

7379 Church St. Custer, WI 54423
715-572-7247

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Dec 7

LECTOR Nora **USHERS** Travis
SERVERS Leo, Landon
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

SUNDAY, Dec 8

LECTOR Tom **USHERS** Randy & Anthony
SERVERS Zach, Samantha, Spencer
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, Tom
MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

Monday, Dec 9

LECTOR Deb **USHERS** volunteer
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MUSICIANS Jacque & Mary

34th Annual Cookie Walk

St. Joseph Family Center
1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point

Saturday, December 7, 2024
9 to 11 a.m. or until sold out

Offering the Most Popular Cookies,
baked in the safety
of our parish kitchen.

Available for Purchase:
Gift Baskets - Homemade Chocolates
Jean Probst's Christmas Towels & Crafts

Mark your Calendars and come buy cookies!

All are welcome!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7th-Betty Rozek & Bernice Kepler
- 8th-Mary Zurawski
- 10th-Sue Stremkowski
- 11th-Dennis Mocadlo
- 16th-Bernie Fritschler
- 21st-Colleen Raschka
- 23rd-Lisa Piesik
- 24th-Deb Sniadajewski & Randy Iwanski



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 diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

Join Tens of Thousands at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Sign up for the Pilgrimage for Life, Jan. 22-26, our diocesan participation in the national March for Life in our nation's Capital. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults, families, and young people to bear witness to the sanctity of human life. To learn more, visit diolc.org/pilgrimageforlife, or scan the QR code to the right.

St. Mary's I.C. Annual **Potluck Dinner**



Saturday, December 7th



The potluck will follow the
4 p.m. Saturday Mass,
which will be celebrated at
St. Mary's I.C.

BBQs and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Please plan to attend to enjoy some time with your friends and neighbors.

This event is sponsored by St. Mary's I.C. Family Life Committee

DECEMBER
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pope Francis	Bp. Battersby	Msgr. Steven Kachel	Fr. Peter Kieffer	Fr. Keith Kitzhaber	Fr. Justin Kizewski	Fr. Michael Klos
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk	Fr. Brian Konopa	Fr. Janusz Kowalski	Fr. Alex Kren	Fr. Thomas Krieg	Fr. Nathaniel Kuhn	Fr. Biju Kunjukutty
	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fr. James Kurzynski	Fr. Kyle Laylan	Fr. Robert Letona	Fr. Thomas Lindner	Fr. Eric Linzmaier	Fr. Amalanathan Malaiyappan	Fr. Jerome Maria Francis
	22	23	24	25	26	27
Fr. Peter Raj Mariasamy	Fr. Samuel Martin	Fr. Eric Mashak	Fr. Samuel McCarty	Fr. Gregory Michaud	Fr. Mark Miller	Fr. Todd Mlsna
	29	30	31	1	2	3
Fr. John Muthuvijayan	Fr. Joseph Nakwah	Fr. David Nowicki				

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