

August 18, 2024

20th 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](mailto: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

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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**

Secretary-Donna Wierzba...[stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

Bookkeeper-Rebecca Jones

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Coordinator of Religious Education-

Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow

**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, August 20, @ SH

8:15 am +Lillian Drefcinski

by Conrad & Delores Lepak

**Wednesday, August 21,**

**8:15 am +George Betro**

**by Louise, Pam, Mark**

Thursday, August 22, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Fr. Herb Zorowski by Friends

**Friday, August 23**

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

**8:15 am +Denny Stransky by Nora**

Saturday, August 24, @ SH

8:15 am

+Tom Orlikowski by Orlikowski Family

+Margaret Leow by Kevin & Theresa Leow

+Ronald Karch by Pat Richter & family

+Clarence Ramczyk by Deb Adamski

+Norman Platta by Jerry & Karen Studzinski

+Frank Iwanski by Lois Iwanski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Edwin Kuklinski

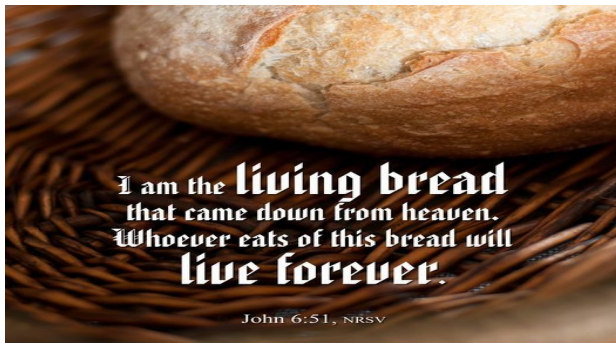
by Friends & Relatives

**Sunday, Aug 25, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am +Vincent Herek

by Roger & Dee Lepak

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





*"You have within you everything that you need to purchase the Kingdom of Heaven. Joy will be purchased by your sorrow, rest by your labor, glory by your humiliation, and eternal life by your passing death." - St. Augustine*

**A Minute with Jesus: At Mass, we want to focus on God**

When we attend Mass, our intention should be to focus on God. This is our dedicated time to be with Jesus, where we speak with and listen to Him, as the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church, as instructed in the Bible. Jesus encourages us to sincerely concentrate on Him and the events at the altar. It's easy to get distracted, but when that happens, instead of getting upset, say a simple prayer and gently and peacefully redirect your thoughts back to the Mass.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening).*

This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6

<b>BUILDING TOGETHER FUNDS:</b>	
<i>As of August 11, 2024</i>	
<i>We Belong To Christ Savings:</i>	<i>\$ 20,228.43</i>
<i>Inspired by the Spirit Savings:</i>	<i>\$102,745.49</i>
<i>Building Savings:</i>	<i><u>\$133,174.18</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$256,148.10</i>
+ <i>Pledged and not yet given:</i> \$6,300	
<b><i>Progress to date:</i></b>	<b><i>\$262,448.10</i></b>
Please submit your pledge prior to September 1 <sup>st</sup> , so that progress can be made toward our building completion before November 2025, the parish's 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.	

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>	
<b>8-11-24</b>	
<i>Offertory</i>	<i>\$ 124.00</i>
<i>Mission Co-Op</i>	<i>385.00</i>
<i>Building</i>	<i>209.00</i>
<i>Adult Env</i>	
<i>&amp; ACH</i>	<i><u>1676.00</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2394.00</i>

**Archbishop ListECKi Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court: Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded!**

On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome ListECKi filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation "to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination." Wisconsin's other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop's petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life—born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. PLEASE PRAY, and to learn more, visit [wisconsinCatholic.org](http://wisconsinCatholic.org) and click on "NEWS,"

**Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources**

What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), visit [diolc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://diolc.org/faithful-citizenship).



**BUY SCRIP after Mass AUGUST 25th**

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



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**

- 20th-Cindy McCarthy
- Brian Hoppa
- 21st-Chris Weronke
- 22nd-Michelle Wasieleski
- 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.*

**MISSION APPEAL: Last Sunday, Fr. Thomas Ayepa from the Diocese of Moroto in Uganda** was at our parish to speak about the needs of his diocese for this year's Mission Appeal. There are envelopes for your use in the pews and at the entrance of Church. You can take them now, and return next week. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. Checks are to be written to St. Mary's I.C. with "Mission Appeal" in the memo line. The money will be sent to the chancery.



**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.**

**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.



Join us for

# ST. BRONISLAVA COMMUNITY DAYS

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS  
UNDER THE TENT

Games for all ages

**August 24-25**

**Saturday**  
Mass @ 4pm  
Latin Food and Music 5-8 pm

**Sunday**  
Mass @ 8am  
Coffee and Donuts 9-11  
Mass @ 10:30  
Food Trucks & Music 11:30-3

Main Raffle Drawing @ 2:30 on Sunday

 3200 Plover Rd. Plover WI

## *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

### SUNDAY, Sept 1

**LECTOR** Kenny **USHERS** Betty & Anthony  
**SERVERS** Hutton, Keaton, Nolan  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Brad, Bette, Marie  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

### SUNDAY, Sept 8

**LECTOR** Christine **USHERS** Travis & Randy  
**SERVERS** Leo & Landon, Maddie  
**MONEY COUNTERS** David, Rosemarie, Denise  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

**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](http://wwme.org).

**Employment Opportunity:** St. Joseph's and St. Stephen's are seeking to hire a part-time receptionist, Tuesday-Friday for 20-24 hours a week. This exciting position will enable the right candidate to welcome Christ by welcoming our office guests. Proficiency in MS Office and a joyful attitude are necessary. If interested, visit [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs) or call our office manager, Kristi, at 715-341-1617 ext. 101

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](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org).

### *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.