

December 8, 2024



Happy 2nd week of Advent!



St. Mary ' s

Immaculate Conception

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by noon on Tuesday.

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

Monday, December 9 @ SMIC

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 pm St. Mary's I.C.

& Sacred Heart Parish Families

Tuesday, December 10,

8:15 am +Clarence Ramczyk

by Larry & Bernadine Strong

Wednesday, December 11,

8:15 am +Don Johnson by Judi & Family

Thursday, December 12

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

8:15 am @ SH +Frank Iwanski by Lois Iwanski

Friday, December 13

7-8 am Adoration 7:30-8:00 am Confessions

8:15 am: +LeRoy Feltz by Joan & family

Saturday, December 14, @ SH

8:15 am +Donald & Irene Gagas by Pat & Marilyn

+Rosemary Gagas by Larry Gagas +Larry Strong

by Maurice & Sandra Damask +Clarence Ramczyk

by Mattie Omitt +Gladys Lepak by Family

+Lorraine Wroblewski by Pat Goretski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

Sunday, Dec 15, Third Sunday of Advent

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

Parish Families

10:00 am +Butch Gagas

by Delores & Joe Glodowski





"O God, You looked on man when he had fallen down into death, and resolved to redeem him by the advent of Your only begotten Son; grant, we implore You, that they who confess His glorious Incarnation may also be admitted to the fellowship of Him their Redeemer; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (An Advent Prayer of St. Ambrose of Milan)

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus came into the world so that we might know God's love. It is deeply moving to read these words from Scripture: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). During this holy season of Advent, we want to take time to ponder the meaning of Christmas, as proof of God's love for us. The Nativity of Our Lord celebrates the point in history when the Son of God took on human flesh for our Salvation – an act of loving obedience to the Father, and saving love for us, in order to offer Himself for us on the Cross, and now, give Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Heavenly Father, help me to realize how much You love me in that You sent Your Son on the first Christmas as my Savior.* This week, read how the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that She would be the Mother of our Savior in Luke 1:26-38.

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.*

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory	\$ 173.00
Christmas Flowers	245.00
Building Fund	10.00
Adult Env & ACH	1090.00
Total	\$ 1518.00

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

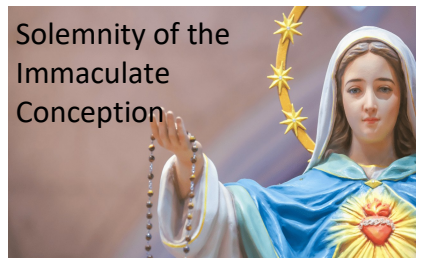
Goal: \$22,455.00

Pledged: \$13,312.50

#of Donors 47

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**



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.



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

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

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

St. Mary's I.C. Meetings:

December 19th @ 6:30 pm
Pastoral Council

If any member of the parish has an item that they would like discussed or added to the Pastoral agenda, please contact any of the members:

- Fr. Miller, Pastor,
- Nora Stransky-chair,
- Christine Sapa-secretary,
- Pat Johnson,
- Carolyn Iwanski,
- Deacon Jim Sniadajewski

BUY SCRIP

After Mass
DECEMBER 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.



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.**



Christmas Mass Schedule

4:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS will be held at St. Mary's I.C.

Beginning with Carols at 3:30 pm
Midnight Mass & 9 AM Christmas Day Mass will be held at Sacred Heart

YOUR HELP is NEEDED on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd after Mass. We will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Please stay after Mass and lend a hand! Your help will be greatly appreciated.





HOOKED ON LOVE The holiday season is a time of loving and giving. We are asking you to add one more to your giving list. 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+), **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 list of needed items can be found on the wall in the entrance. **Need to be dropped off before Mass on 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 ANYONE THAT COULD USE EXTRA Baby Supplies! Contact Marie Helminiak (715-592-4971 or 715-592-4330) leave a message, before Dec. 15th. Names will be kept confidential.



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

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

Retirement Fund for Religious: Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 21,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. Envelopes are in your pews and also in the entrance of the Church.

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.

Liturgical Appointments

Monday, Dec 9

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

SUNDAY, Dec 15

LECTOR Kirk **USHERS** Randy & Anthony
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Dave, Lorraine, Kirk
MUSICIANS Carolyn & Jacquie

SUNDAY, Dec 22

LECTOR Christine **USHERS** Kyle & Vincent
SERVERS Maddie, Elizabeth
MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Marie
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

St. Peter Parish
Family Life
Presents their Annual

Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 14th, 2024
8:00 am – 11 am
 (Arrive early before cookies and candy are sold out!)

Kolbe Hall (Lower Level of St. Peter Church)
800 Fourth Avenue – Stevens Point, WI

Cookies and Candy - \$10 per Pound
 (Gloves and Containers Provided)

AND

SILENT AUCTION
 Featuring KitchenAid Mixer, Fireside Theatre Package for Four, Winter Brunch for Six, Wellness Spa Package, Holiday Decorative Items and Gift Cards
 (Silent Auction – 8:00 am – 10:30 am)

Come and Select Your Own Goodies and Leave the Baking to Us While Enjoying a Complimentary Coffee with a Sweet Treat!

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

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