

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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by noon on Tuesday.

**PARISH CLERGY**

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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**

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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, September 10, @ SH

8:15 am +In Thanksgiving for the 59th Wedding

Anniversary of Conrad & Delores Lepak

**Wednesday, September 11,**

**8:15 am +Gladys Pampuch**

*by Denise & Ken Glodowski*

Thursday, September 12, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Gary Omernik by Ann Omernik

**Friday, September 13**

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

**8:15 am +LeRoy Feltz by Joan & Family**

Saturday, September 14, @ SH

8:15 am +Tom Orlikowski by Patty Orlikowski

+Ronald Karch by Marie, Tom & Barb Platta

+Clarence Ramczyk by Sue Wanta

+Frank Iwanski by Lois Iwanski

In Thanksgiving for the 50th Wedding

Anniversary of Tom & Ruth Printz

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Deceased Members of Kostuch, Gagas

& Glinecki Families

by Ralph & Theresa Kostuch

**Sunday, Sept 15, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Parish Families

**10:00 am +Denny Stransky by Nora**

They were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf hear, and the mute speak!"

-Mark 7:37 WEB



"Of all the trades the one that Adam first practiced was that of the tailor. Yes, before taking up any other trade he collected some fig leaves and sewed them together. Who taught him this skill? How did he learn it? The fact is that he received from God the gift of intelligence; the fact is that he was the image of God." - Severianus of Gabala

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
9-1-24	
Offertory	\$ 98.00
Mission Co-Op	100.00
Building Fund	360.00
Adult Env	
<u>&amp; ACH</u>	<u>1745.00</u>
Total	\$2303.00

Dear Parishioners:

In approximately two months we will have elections in our country for various offices, including those at the state and federal levels, in the executive and legislative branches of government. We as Catholics are obligated to make an informed decision as to whom we vote for, as well as understanding that we cannot cooperate with evil. Cooperation with evil may be:

1. Remote, Material Cooperation (least problematic)
2. Proximate, Material Cooperation
3. Remote, Formal Cooperation
4. Proximate, Formal Cooperation (most problematic).

Proximate and remote have to do with how "close" or "far" we are to the evil (this does not necessarily equate to physical closeness; it means in the chain of events, in what place (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 250th, etc. ) does our action lie. In other words, the closer our actions are to the start of the chain of events, the more "concentrated" our action, and thus we bear more responsibility; the further down the chain of events our actions are, the more "diluted" our action becomes, and we are less culpable.

Material and formal have to do with in what manner does our cooperation with evil take place. Material means that I'm providing the means or opportunity by which the evil can take place. However, this doesn't mean that I necessarily AGREE with the evil or even know anything about it, BUT I am nonetheless providing a way for the evil to (potentially) occur. Formal cooperation means that I ACTUALLY WANT the evil to take place, whether or not I can provide a real means for it to do so.

Thus, with that in mind, we have to have an understanding of the candidates' platforms, positions, and voting records (if known) in areas especially concerning abortion, marriage, and other aspects of sexual morality. And if a candidate is actively promoting evil in those areas we have to have awareness of that. We cannot blindly vote for whomever without knowledge of key aspects of morality and where that person stands in relation to those areas. We are obligated to have an understanding of that. All of this is readily available on the candidates' and the parties' websites.

Now, one may ask: "Is there an ideal candidate?" No, there is no such thing. No one can always do everything correctly all the time. No one is indefectible. Perhaps though a good way of evaluating this is to look at a candidate's positions, and ask: "Will this person help in my holiness and that of the nation, or hinder it?" Remember, the country will go in the direction of the electorate.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Miller

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.*

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: *Pat Maslowski, Sharon Zblewski, Joe Raschka, Jean Miller, Shirley Pliska, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Jerry Lepak, Mike Mrozek, Ken Wierzba, Mary Ann Meyer, 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.



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](mailto:jwier319@gmail.com)



PARENT MEETING for Faith Formation

will be held after Mass on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th. Any questions please contact

*Coordinator of Religious Education*  
 Jessica Bielen  
 (715)347-3367 or [jwier319@gmail.com](mailto:jwier319@gmail.com)

**A Minute with Jesus: We Respond with Thanksgiving after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our hearts. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our hearts.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I thank You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart, embracing Your presence and asking You to "crowd out" whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. Thank You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen.*

This week, read Psalm 107:1. "*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*"

*Join us Sunday, September 15 after the 10 am Mass for our COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL ALL ARE WELCOME*  
 Hosted by Group 8



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 8th-Kathy Glodowski
- 9th-Sharon Meronek
- 10th-Nora Stransky
- 19th-Jim Krusick
- 21st-Dale Kluck
- 29th-Tom Kujawski

**BUY SCRIP** after Mass  
 September 22nd  
 If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)

**OCIA:** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCLA) is the process that is used to assist people on their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. **Who is OCIA for?** OCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized in a faith other than Catholic, and those adult Catholics who desire to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist) Perhaps you have received all of the sacraments but just want to learn more about the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to attend as well! OCIA classes will begin this fall with the time and date to be determined. To register or if you have any questions regarding OCIA please contact Deacon Jim Sniadajewski (715-824-6747 or [dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com)) and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



## St. Mary's I.C. Meetings:

September 12th @ 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



### 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.*

# TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

### Apostles of the New Springtime

Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire.

May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. **Sessions every Tuesday at 6 am with the first session Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.** All sessions will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Polonia. All men are welcome. Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org).

**Support ProLife. Saturday, Sept 14th,** at 1-2pm will be a special prayer event for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. This started over 10 yrs ago in Milwaukee and has spread nationwide to over 200 cities that have memorials for the unborn. It will be held (our 5th yr) at Guardian Angel Cemetery at our "Unborn Memorial" across from Len Dudas Auto. Use the southeast frontage road off Frontenac Ave to park. For further details, contact Central Wisconsin Defenders of Life at [cwisdol@gmail.com](mailto:cwisdol@gmail.com)

### Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Phone Line and Retreats

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org) or call 608.860.6698 There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered, the Diocese of Madison (Nov. 8-10, 2024, March 28-30, 2025, and Nov. 7-9, 2025). For more information, visit [madisondiocese.org/rachel](http://madisondiocese.org/rachel)

**43rd Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, 10 AM-2 PM :** the Schmidt Family Farm, 29281 Fairview Rd., Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass 10am 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.

## Liturgical Appointments

### SUNDAY, Sept 8

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

### SUNDAY, Sept 15

**LECTOR** Kirk **USHERS** Randy & Anthony  
**SERVERS** Zach, Samantha, Spencer  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Jeremy, Lisa, Kirk  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

### SUNDAY, Sept 22

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Kyle & Vincent  
**SERVERS** Elizabeth, Caly, Maddie  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Dave, Lorraine, Tom  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Cheryl

YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
**Pizza Ranch**  
**COMMUNITY IMPACT**  
FUNDRAISING EVENT  
TO BENEFIT  
**Pacelli Catholic Middle School**

DATE: 9-18-24      TIME: 4-8 pm  
LOCATION: 1300 Commerce Place  
Plover, WI 54467

PIZZA RANCH WILL DONATE 10%  
OF YOUR GUEST CHECK TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION

### Help Catholic Charities love our Neighbors in Need

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out how you can help, [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org),

**Holy Hour for Families** Second Monday of the month 7PM at St. Joseph Church 1709 Wyatt Ave Stevens Point. **All Are Welcome.**



**ST. MARY'S I.C.  
FINAL HOUSE MATERIAL AND  
FURNISHINGS CLOSED BID SALE -  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

**All remaining furnishings, appliances, will be up for sale**

Viewing time to be held: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to noon, or by appointment call 715-592-4330.

Bidding opens on Sunday, September 15th, 11 am. Bidding closes on Monday, September 30th, at noon. For more information please contact the office.



# *Eucharistic Revival*

*With 40 Hour Devotion*

**SACRED HEART PARISH**

**POLONIA**

7379 Church St. Custer, WI

**OCTOBER 4, 5, & 6, 2024**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024**

**6:00 pm "Faith, Family & The Eucharist"**

*Family retreat with John Paul Von Arx*

7-8:00 pm *Confessions*

**8:00 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

*Immediately followed by 40 hours of continuous adoration!*

**9:00 pm "Bring Yourself into the Presence of the Lord"**

*Music, prayer, and meditation with John Paul Von Arx*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024**

**10:00 am "Let the Children Come to Me"** *Bring your children to the feet of Jesus*

*Holy half hour for pre-school and elementary children.*

**2:00 pm "Confirmation is not Graduation from the Church"**

*Youth Holy Hour with Paul J Kim*

2-3:45 pm *Confessions*

**4:00 pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

**7:00 pm "Lust vs Love"**

*Teen and young adult rally and Holy Hour with Paul J Kim*

7-9:00 pm *Confessions*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**8:00 am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

**3:00 pm Conclusion of the 40 hours devotion**

**"National Rosary Coast to Coast" & Eucharistic Procession**



***Vatican International Exhibit of the  
Eucharistic Miracles of the world on display all 3 days!!!***

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51 For more information, call Carol at 715-869-2049*