

January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord



### St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

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by noon on Tuesday.

#### 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)

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Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow

#### 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, January 7,

8:15 am +Ronald Karch by Bernadetta Karch

Wednesday, January 8,

8:15 am +Carol & Randy Perzinski

Thursday, January 9

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

8:15 am +Leo Kurszewski by Virginia Groshek

Friday, January 10

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

8:15 am: +Emily Wierzba by Eunice & Larry

Saturday, January 11, @ SH

8:15 am +Clarence Ramczyk by Jane Blanchard

+Larry Strong by Maryann Kobishop

+Stanley & Della Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

+Lorraine Wroblewski by Randy Schulist

+Raymond Gagas by LeRoy & Pat Wierzba

+Delores Gollonik by Sue Wanta

+Joyce Budzinski by Dan Zaborowski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

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

Sunday, Jan 12, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am @SH Couples celebrating 5-year  
incremental Anniversaries

10:00 am +Chuck Egle by Marlene Bronk

+Ruth & Ron Werachowski by family

+Mr & Mrs Henry Klesmith by Sue & Jeff Hoppa

+Bill Kolinski by Marion Kolinski





"God knows what my greatest happiness is, but I do not. There is no rule about what is happy and good; what suits one would not suit another. And the ways by which perfection is reached vary very much; the medicines necessary for our souls are very different from each other. Thus God leads us by strange ways; we know He wills our happiness, but we neither know what our happiness is, nor the way. We are blind; left to ourselves we would take the wrong way; we must leave it to Him." - St. John Newman

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
December 25/29	
Offertory	\$ 487.75
Building Fund	50.00
Adult Env & ACH	5463.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6000.75</b>

**A Minute with Jesus Wise men came to worship Jesus** Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The wise men gave precious gifts to the Savior, gifts for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They knew that Jesus was a great king, even though He looked like a small Child. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts. But, thank You for giving us the most precious Gift of Yourself in the Eucharist.*

This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12

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, Denny Elsenrath, Joe Raschka, Jean Miller, Shirley Pliska, Betty Kowalski, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, 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.*



**BLESSED EPIPHANY CHALK** There is blessed Epiphany chalk available by the nativity scene. Please take a piece to bless your home with the traditional Epiphany blessing above your doors. Handouts available with the chalk.



**1 CORINTHIANS 3:9** DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL	\$22,455.00
PLEGGED AND RECEIVED	\$14,282.50
# OF DONORS	56



**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**



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

Coordinator of Religious Education Jessica Bielen  
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St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!

FAMILY MASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th, at 10 a.m.  
All Students and their Parents are asked to attend.  
This is part of our Faith Formation Program.



Join us Sunday,  
January 12th  
after the 10 am

Mass for our **COFFEE  
& DONUT SOCIAL**  
ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosted by Pastoral Council  
& Altar Society



## 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.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5th-Elsie Mansavage 8th-Bette Britz  
9th Joe Raschka 10th-Liz Moadlo  
12th-Elizabeth Yarbrough  
14th-Marie Helminiak  
17th-Kevin Zurawski & Anthony  
Kosobucki 28th-Trevor Kluck



BIG THANK YOU to parishioners for your generous  
gifts, CCD students for making baby blankets,  
and for being awesome in donating supplies for  
the **Hooked on Love project**. Young mothers are  
grateful for your love shown to them with needed baby items  
and gift cards we delivered to the First Choice Prenatal Care  
Program. Thank you for the extra effort to give them a joyful  
Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

## BUY SCRIP After Mass JANUARY 12th & 26th

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 December total=\$11,095.00 profit= \$ 506.71

### Inclement Weather Policy: Parish Office and Scheduled Activities.

St. Mary's I.C. and Sacred Heart Parishes follows Stevens Point Public Schools for delays, closures, and cancellations. When Stevens Point Public Schools close and/or cancel evening activities, the Parish Office and Sacred Heart School will close and all activities at the parish are cancelled. Cancellations and closures will also be posted on the website.

If Parish office is closed due to inclement weather, Father will still celebrate daily Mass at scheduled time at Sacred Heart. There will be no Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **PLEASE NOTE: When Mass is scheduled at St. Mary's I.C. Father will still celebrate the Mass, but at Sacred Heart.** If you are ever unable to drive safely, please do not risk coming to Mass.

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.

YOUR HELP is NEEDED on **Sunday, January 12th** after Mass. We will be taking the decorations down and putting away. Please stay after Mass and lend a hand! Your help will be greatly appreciated.



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

### *Liturgical Appointments*

#### SUNDAY, January 5

**LECTOR** Kenny **USHERS** Betty & Ron  
**SERVERS** Hutton, Keaton, Nolan  
**MONEY COUNTERS** David, Rosemarie, Kirk  
**MUSICIANS** Carolyn & Jacquie

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Travis, Randy M  
**SERVERS** Landon & Leo  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Dave, Lorraine, Tom  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Jim

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

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.

THANK YOU to all who generously contributed to our Christmas flower collection and to the beauty of our worship this Christmas Season.

Larry & Eunice Zwicky in memory Michael & Emily Wierzba, Felix & Emily Zwicky

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.

DATES AVAILABLE - WE HAVE SOME DAYS OPEN IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY. Please contact the office this week to schedule a Mass. Thank you.

*St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent*  
**Green & Gold Evening**  
*- of fun -*  
**Sat, Feb 8th 2025 5PM** After 4pm Mass  
 open to THE PUBLIC ALL AGES welcome!

Drinks FREE	Finger Foods FREE	Cheese & Sausage FREE	Dessert Bars FREE	Door Prizes FREE	50/25/25 Raffle	Basket Raffles
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Green & Gold Raffle Drawing at 5:30 and Basket Raffle Drawing at 6:00 at St. Ladislaus, 173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley

**Green & Gold Raffle**  
 17 Great Prizes! \$1,000 CASH | \$500 CASH | \$500 CASH | 55 inch TV | 13 cash prizes totalling \$3250

Plus 4 other prizes, including **Green Bay Packers 2023 Collectors Series Football** with transferred signatures - Donated by the Green Bay Packers

Raffle tickets available at church rectory.

Tickets also available at:  
 • Dollar Bill's, Rosholt  
 • Family Tradition Bar, Bevent  
 • Lisa's at Lakeside, Hatley  
 • Spauld's, Galloway  
 • The Bar, Wausau

Questions? Call the church rectory at 715-446-3080 or Mary at 715-321-3591. Visit parish website or Facebook page.  
 Thank you to raffle ticket sponsors **Schmidt & Schulte Funeral Home and Culver's** in Wausau, RB Mountain & Rothschild  
 Hatley Calendar No. 102242616-0208

**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 608.860.6698 There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered, the Diocese of Madison (March 28-30, and Nov. 7-9.) More information, [madisondiocese.org/rachel](http://madisondiocese.org/rachel)



### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday  
 January

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10:00 am - 2:00 pm



LOCATION:  
 ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 FAMILY ROOM  
 1709 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point

**DONATE AND RECEIVE:**  
 All donors will receive a **FREE HOPE TSHIRT!**

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:**  
 Appointments are highly encouraged. Secure your spot by scanning the QR code or call 877.232.4376

