

October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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by noon on Tuesday.

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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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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.

**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, October 8, @ SH

8:15 am +Fr. Marcin Mankowski

**Wednesday, October 9,**

**8:15 am +Mary Ann Meyer**

*by Kenny & Betty Rozek*

Thursday, October 10, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Linda Konkol by Family

**Friday, October 11**

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

**8:15 am +George Betro**

*by Louise, Pam, Mark*

Saturday, October 12, @ SH

8:15 am +Ronald Karch by Gary & Sue Wiza

+Bob & Rick Perron by Family +Larry Strong

by Bernadine Strong +Norman Platta by Bob

& Pat Gagas +Barney & Lorraine Wroblewski

by Jane Blanchard +Clarence Ramczyk by

Bob & Sue Simkowski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

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

Parish Families

**Sunday, Oct 13, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 am +Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family**

**+Chuck Egle by Ron & Donna Wierzba**

**+Ervin Pliska by family**

**+Richie Zblewski by Dave & Carol Ligan**

**+Felix & Emily Zwicky by Larry & Eunice Zwicky**

**10:00 am @SH +Alvina Marchel by Lori Shroda**





*"The true and only glory is the glory that will last forever. In order to attain it, we do not need to do spectacular deeds. We need merely hide ourselves from the eyes of others and even from ourselves."*  
 -St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face

**A Minute with Jesus: Jesus waits for us**

After Mass, holy Communion is reserved in the tabernacle. The red sanctuary candle in the front of the church is constantly burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle in the sacred host. He waits for us to come and spend some time with Him, just as we would spend time with any friend. We can speak with Him about anything, and simply be quiet in order to listen to Him. It is helpful to bring a book like The "Divine Encounter" by Mark Hart to have something to help stay focused when distractions arise. This time with the Lord will help bring solace and peace as worries take on a proper perspective and we will gradually know that when we receive holy Communion, we are truly receiving Jesus.

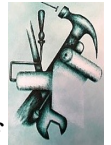
Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to set aside some time to spend with You in church so that You can strengthen my faith that You are truly present in holy Communion.*

This week, read how Jesus asked Peter and the apostles to spend time with Him in prayer in Matthew 26:40.

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>	
<b>9-29-24</b>	
Offertory	\$ 103.00
Building Fund	45.00
Adult Env & ACH	1511.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1659.00</b>

**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**



**CEMETERY REMINDER:**

With Winter approaching we would like to remind everyone that all decorations need to be removed. All items not removed by **October 27th** will be removed and disposed of.

Thank you  
 Cemetery maintenance



**Join us Sunday,  
 October 20  
 after the 10 am  
 Mass for our  
 COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL  
 ALL ARE WELCOME  
 Hosted by Group 1**

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, 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.

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.*



**WE NEED YOU! ANYONE IN THIRD GRADE AND OLDER WANTING TO LEARN TO BE A SERVER, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE 715-592-4330.**

**FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU  
TO OUR AUTUMN**



***Pancake*  
BREAKFAST**

***Sunday, October 13th***

**FOLLOWING THE 8 AM MASS AT ST. MARY'S**

**DONATIONS OF EGGS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE CHURCH REFRIGERATOR  
BETWEEN OCTOBER 6TH - 11TH**



**St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Faith Formation**

**Scan this QR code and join!**



*As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers. You did  
it for me.*

**St. Mary's I.C.  
Salvation Army  
Servers**

**We need your help!  
We once again will  
prepare & serve dinner  
for people in need at the  
Salvation Army on the  
First Monday of every  
month. Please consider  
donating your time to  
this wonderful cause.**

**Servers needed for  
November 4th**

**For information  
please contact Gina  
920-540-7804**

**BUY SCRIP after Mass**

**October 13th & 27th  
If you need scrip before  
Scrip Sunday, please call  
Shelly (715-592-3775)**

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness of Pro-Life Supporters. Started in 1987 in Yuba City, California with about half the churches in the area having 7,500 people lining both sides of a 3 mile road section. It has since expanded nationwide and into Canada with about 2000 locations. See <https://www.milwaukeechain.org/about> which leads the activity in Wisconsin cities. Locally, Sunday, Oct 6th, 2024 marks its 37th Anniversary, Life Chains will be held both in Stevens Point and WI Rapids. In Stevens Point, 1-2PM at the Guardian Angel Cemetery off Main St. We will be on public city land (approved) as the grassy area 8 ft or so away from the road just below the southwest entrance frontage Road where you can park. Gary will be the lead contact. In Wisconsin Rapids, 1-2PM on the Riverview Expressway bridge (approved) over the WI River near Aspirus Riverview hospital. You can park nearby at Riverhill Dental on Daly Ave. Rosemary will be the lead contact. Any questions, email Central WI Defenders of Life at [cwisdol@gmail.com](mailto:cwisdol@gmail.com)

**Domestic Church Retreat | Oct 12-13 | Our Lady of Peace, Marshfield** Retreat begins Saturday 8 AM and ends 4 PM Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat's goal is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. Cost is \$135 per couple. Visit our website for more information: [diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/)

Friday, Oct. 18, 6 PM, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Bishop Battersby as the keynote speaker on "Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of Mission," showing us how we can be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world. All are warmly invited to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Mass, as well as the banquet and talk to follow (\$25/person, \$15/students). To learn more and to register for the banquet, visit [www.diolc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.diolc.org/GospelofLife). Deadline: Oct. 11 – But space is limited, so register soon!

**October 23rd Dead Theologians Society**, meet once a month in room 110 at Pacelli Catholic High School from 3:15 to 4 pm Dead Theologians Society (DTS) is a group of high school students who come together to learn about different Saints - how they lived their lives and how they became Saints. This is open to all high school students throughout the Stevens Point deanery. It is a chance for the students to come and enjoy some food and fellowship while learning more about the Faith! This is not meant to replace any Faith Formation programs, but rather is here to help enhance the Faith lives of the students. For more information, [ddachel@spacs.k12.wi.us](mailto:ddachel@spacs.k12.wi.us)

**Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026** Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information provided by your parish's records to know where to send the packets and invitations. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

## Liturgical Appointments

### SUNDAY, Oct 13 8:00 AM

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

### SUNDAY, Oct 20

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



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11th-Chet Raschka 12th-Henry Gagas  
 13th-Brad Britz & Brenda Retzlaff  
 14th-Lorraine Glodowski  
 15th-Eunice Zwicky 23rd-Pat Klosinski  
 29th-Betty Kitzerow 30th-Lisa Firkus  
 31st-Lenny Pliska

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples—Nov. 8-10 in Holstein.** 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 for 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. Information call 563.920.9419

**St. Joseph Holy Name Society**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Roast Dinner**  
**Saturday, October 19**  
**Serving From 4:30-7:00p.m.**  
**Dine-in or Carry-out available**



## Menu

**Roast Pork**  
**Parsley Boiled Potatoes**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Sauerkraut**  
**Cole Slaw**  
**Brownies**  
**Rolls**

**Tickets:**  
 Adults: \$15  
 Children under 12: \$5

50/50 Drawing  
 Basket Raffle

Reservations are requested by  
 October 13, 2024  
 Call: 715-340-4857 or  
 Email: [daniels.mmlj@gmail.com](mailto:daniels.mmlj@gmail.com)  
 Please specify dine-in or carry-out when making reservations. Thank you.

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# PRIORITIES AT THE POLLS

By Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann

As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that “the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.”<sup>1</sup> While they did warn us not to “dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,” they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers’ and sisters’ most basic right—to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone’s life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life,

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whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are “carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family—the family which by its nature is called to be the ‘sanctuary of life.’”<sup>2</sup> This is the place where a person should be *most* loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. Beginning in 1973 with *Roe v. Wade*, and during the nearly



50-year period after *Roe* in which the Supreme Court forbade state prohibitions on abortion, nearly 64 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.<sup>3</sup>

Even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers’ wombs

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as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.<sup>4</sup>

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must



do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.

*At the time of original publication in October 2020, Archbishop Naumann was Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.*

 **SIGN UP:** [votervoice.net/usccb/register](https://votervoice.net/usccb/register) .....  
..... Take action and contact your elected representatives about important pro-life issues. ....  
..... Make your voice heard. 

<sup>1</sup> *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 6. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020. <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>  
<sup>2</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 11.  
<sup>3</sup> This paragraph has been revised in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, in which the Court returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the Federal and State levels. As of October 2022, abortion is legal in more states than not, and more work is needed in the coming months and years.  
<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

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