

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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Please submit bulletin notices to stmary@wi-net.com
by noon on Tuesday.

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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 28, (SH)

8:15 am +Alvina Marchel by Lori Shroda

Wednesday, January 29,

8:15 am +Perzinski Family

Thursday, January 30 (SH)

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

8:15 am +Sr. Patrice Schulist

by Audrey & Rose Ann Gagas

Friday, January 31

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

8:15 am: +Myron Gavin, Dorothy Dombrowski,

Dolores Ganski-Wierzba by Shirley

Saturday, February 1, (SH)

8:15 am +Clarence Ramczyk by Lori Shroda

+Larry Strong by Elaine Check

+Raymond Gagas by Audrey & Rose Ann Gagas

+Norman Platta by Dominic Jr. & Richard Biadasz

+Richard Konkol by Ron Omernik

+Evelyn Jurgella by Ernie & Carol Kezeske

Mitchell Jensen & Family by Krista Glodowski

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Bob Zoromski by Germaine Zoromski

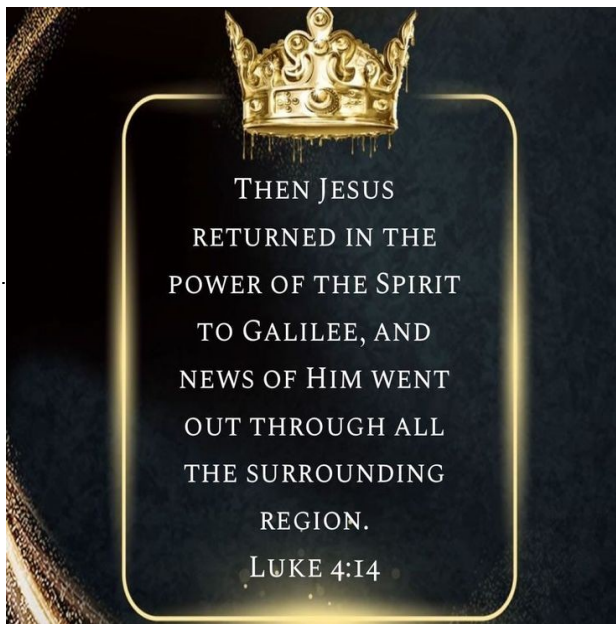
Sunday, Feb 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am (SH) St. Mary's & Sacred Heart

Parish Families

10:00 am +Butch Gagas

by Stacey Smart Family





"All men of every race, condition and age, since they enjoy the dignity of a human being, have an inalienable right to an education that is in keeping with their ultimate goal, their ability, their sex, and the culture and tradition of their country, and also in harmony with their fraternal association with other peoples in the fostering of true unity and peace on earth. For a true education aims at the formation of the human person in the pursuit of his ultimate end and of the good of the societies of which, as man, he is a member, and in whose obligations, as an adult, he will share."
 (from *Gravissimum educationis*, Vatican Council II)

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
January 19	
Offertory	\$ 73.00
Building Fund	20.00
Adult Env & ACH	853.00
Total	\$ 946.00

Dear Parishioners:

This week the Catholic Church recognizes the Catholic educational system with "Catholic Schools Week." The Church in various ways has been instrumental in fostering and developing the knowledge of both sacred and secular topics in students from Kindergarten through graduate school. St. Elizabeth Seton, in fact, can be credited for starting the Catholic School System in the United States. I encourage all of you to support our Catholic Schools, whether it be by sending your children to Catholic Day Schools, weekly catechism classes, or financial support. I want to thank all administrators, teachers, and support staff at our Catholic Schools in our deanery for your excellent work.

Cordially,
 Fr. Miller



Saturday, February 8th, 2:45 pm confessions and 4:00 pm Mass will be at St. Mary's I.C. followed by Spaghetti Dinner.



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

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 1st—2nd. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

February 2nd is Candlemas: The Presentation of Jesus Christ.

Candles will be blessed that day and will be available in the entrance of Church through February 7th. A suggested offering of at least \$3.00 would be appreciated. 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.

Please remember in your prayers

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish:

- Kenny Rozek, Tom Sbonik, Valerie Stanczyk, Henry Gagas, Sharon Zblewski, Denny Elsenrath, Joe Raschka, Jean Miller, Shirley Pliska, Betty Kowalski, Jerry Lepak, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, 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.



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

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

THE NEXT FAMILY MASS WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st-Ed Sapa 5th-Laurie Lutz
& Joan Feltz 9th-Mary Egle
17th-Julie Trembl
18th-Amy Stremkowski
20th-Kirk Wille

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.

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.**

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist

When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, we see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. We may ask Jesus to grant us the grace to believe this truth, that though "hidden", He is truly present in holy Communion. It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe, with faith's consent.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Lord, I want to believe. Please help me believe what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions.*

This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION February 7th, 9 am-3pm at St. Mary's I.C. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 pm followed by Benediction. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. **Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.** A sign-up sheet is located in the table in the Church entrance.



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 MARCH. Please contact the office this week to schedule a Mass. Thank you.

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting uscgb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking.

Knights of Columbus of Polonia

At
Sacred Heart Church – Polonia
7375 Church Street · Custer, Wisconsin

Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner

February 1st, 2025 • 5:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church

\$25 per person

Children under 10 eat free
(Hot dogs with french fries)



Tickets available at Sacred Heart Church, Sylvia's in Polonia, Polonia Cafe, and People Meat Market

Only 1,000
Tickets
Available

Your choice of Slow Roasted Prime Rib or Jumbo Deep Fried Gulf Shrimp. Plus homemade Chicken Dumpling Soup and a fabulous Salad Bar with Dessert Bar. Milk and Coffee included. Beer, Wine Coolers and Soda will be available for purchase.

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.

St. Wenceslaus (Milladore). Take & Bake PCCW Pizza and Calzone Sale on Saturday, February 1st, 2-4:00pm. \$10 Pizza: Sausage, Pepperoni/Bacon, Chicken Bacon Ranch, or Sausage/Pepperoni/Bacon. \$8 for Cheese Pizza. Calzones \$4: Chicken/Garlic Ranch, Sausage or Pepperoni.

12th Annual Pacelli Catholic Schools Cardinal Crusade. The live auction will be held on Saturday, February 8th at the Food & Farm Exploration Center. Doors open 5:30pm with Cash Bar, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Raffles, & Games. Tickets \$35/person and include admission, hors d'oeuvres, and bidder number. Invite your friends to fill a table of 10 and enjoy a fun evening of socializing and supporting Pacelli Catholic Schools! RSVP online by February 1, to save your spot – space is limited! www.pacellcatholicschools.com/cardinalcrusade/

Join Fr. Hennes and the Parishes of St. Stephen and St. Joseph on a Jubilee Year Marian Spirituality Pilgrimage to Italy October 7 to 18. Tour all four major Basilicas, walk through the Holy Doors, pray with Pope Francis at a Papal Mass in St. Peter's Square, and visit Orvieto, Assisi, Florence, Greccio, and more! For information, 715-341-1617 ext. 101 or www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage.

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins a weekend in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection
Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's I.C. (CCHD on the memo line). There are envelopes in the pews and in the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

SUNDAY, February 2

LECTOR Tom **USHERS** Betty, Ron
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS David, Rosemarie, Tom
MUSICIANS Jacque & Carolyn



"For we are co-workers,
you are God's field,
God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:9

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL \$22,455.00

PLEGGED \$18,217.50

OF DONORS 69

Received \$18,017.50

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

**ST. MARY-TORUN
PONCZKA SALE
FEBRUARY 8, 2025**

Place your order today by:
calling 715-344-9665 or emailing ponczka@toruncatholic.org
or online at www.toruncatholic.org/ponczka

**PRE-ORDER TODAY!
NO GUARANTEES
THAT EXTRA WILL
BE AVAILABLE.**

Cost per dozen: \$13
Choices include:
Unfilled, Raspberry Jelly or Prune Filled

All orders must be picked up at the church,
5589 Dewey Dr., Stevens Point
on Saturday, February 8
between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.TORUNCATHOLIC.ORG**