

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

Phone: 715-592-4330 Website: www.stmaryscuster.net

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

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.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Mark Miller, Pastor 715-600-6942

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Deacon Jim Sniadajewski

dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com

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

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Coordinator of Religious Education-

Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 24, @ SH

8:15 am +Clarence & Lorraine Bushman

Wednesday, September 25,

8:15 am +Chuck Egle

by Marlene Klemm

Thursday, September 26, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Loretta Klesmit

by Roger Klesmit

Friday, September 27

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

8:15 am +Emily Zwicki

by Larry & Eunice Zwicki

Saturday, September 28, @ SH

8:15 am +Ronald Karch by Tom & Mary Wierzba

+Paulette Blaskey by Norbert & Yvonne Stroik

+Clarence Ramczyk by Emilee Studinski

+Norman Platta by Myron & Kathy Kurszewski

+Claude & Bernice Skibba by Dave & Barb

Kurszewski +Joseph Wright by Dave & Barb

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

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

Sunday, Sept 29, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Henry Koziczkowski

by Marie & Family

10:00 am +Tom Schmenk

by Linda & family





"You have been created for the glory of God and your own eternal salvation. This is your goal; this is the center of your life; this is the treasure of your heart. If you reach this goal, you will find happiness. If you fail to reach it you will find misery." - St. Roberto Bellarmino

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

9-15-24

Offertory	\$ 125.00
Adult Env & ACH	<u>840.00</u>
Total	\$ 965.00

A Minute with Jesus: Preparing to Receive Jesus

When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, we want to simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed" (Mt 8:8).

Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Mt 8:8)

This week, read Isaiah 26:3: "He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

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**

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.*


PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

REMINDER: Please contact the office: If you have a change of address, phone number, or other status changing event so that your parish record can be updated. Thank you



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



Catechetical Sunday
 is set aside for
 acknowledging the
 importance of
 catechists in the
 Church's teaching
 ministry. As we celebrate
 Catechetical Sunday, let us
 thank the following volunteers
 who generously give of their
 time and talents throughout the
 year helping parents, who have
 the primary responsibility of
 educating their children, teach
 the faith to our parish youth.

*Christine Sapa
 Amy Stremkowski
 Sarah Raschka
 Jessica Bielen*

*thankful
 grateful
 blessed*

I NEED HELP!! A social ministry meeting at St. Peter's resulted in a listing of **HELP centers available in the Portage County area**. If you know of someone that is in need of food, rental money, clothes, financial counseling, home to live in, medical supplies, a listing is on the table in the church entrance. Or if you wish to give assistance to any of these centers, it is always welcome.

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

**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.*




DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer).

Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. You can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact **Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org**.

birthday blessings

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
 29th-Tom Kujawski



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 and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Domestic Church Retreat | Oct 12-13 | Our Lady of Peace, Marshfield This Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on Saturday at 8:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM on 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. The cost is \$135 per couple. Please visit our website for more information: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

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 at 6 am every Tuesday. All sessions will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org.



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 or sign up at wwme.org.

Our annual **St. Maximilian Kolbe Fall Harvest Dinner** Sunday, October 6th, 10a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be offering dine in or carry outs. The menu will consist of 4 pcs of chicken (from Ambrosia's), mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, squash, green beans, rolls & butter, cranberry sauce, coffee, milk and choice of a slice of delicious pie. Prices for Adults \$15.00 and Children 6-11 \$5.00. Kids 5 and under are free. We will have a basket raffle, silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and our Country Store with all sorts of canned goods, baked goods and fresh produce.



St. Joseph Galloway Fall Breakfast
Buffet Style Breakfast
9-30AM - 11-30AM
 (after 8-30 Mass)
Adults \$12 - 6-12 \$6 - 5 & Under Free
\$11,000+ Cash Raffle

Scrambled Eggs
 Nueske's Ham
 Nueske's Sausage
 Breakfast Casseroles
 Pancakes
 Potato Pancakes
 Hash Browns
 Fresh Fruit
 Desserts
 Coffee
 and more!

Czarnina and Chicken Soup Sale
 Czarnina \$10 Chicken \$7
Pre Order ONLY by Friday, Oct 4
 Call Joan: 715-454-6637
Soup Pick Up Times:
 Friday, Oct. 11 10AM-3PM
 Saturday, Oct. 12 after 4PM Mass-5:15PM
 Sunday, Oct. 13 9:30AM-11AM
 Soup will not be part of buffet

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Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Sept 22

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

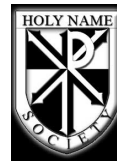
SUNDAY, Sept 29

LECTOR Deb **USHERS** Anthony
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Marie
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

SUNDAY, Oct 6

LECTOR Kenny **USHERS** Betty & Randy M
SERVERS Elizabeth, Caly, Maddie
MONEY COUNTERS David, Rosemarie, Denise
MUSICIANS Carolyn & Jacquie

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. Deadline: Oct. 11 – But space is limited, so register soon!



St. Bronislava Holy Name Breakfast

Serving 8:30AM to Noon
 St Bron's Mary Room, 3200 Plover Rd, Plover

October 6, 2024

Menu includes:

- "All You Can Eat" Buttermilk Pancakes, Potato Pancakes & French Toast
- Breakfast Links & Ham (Limit 4 in combo)
- Milk, Juice & Coffee



Cost is \$10.00 for ages 13-adult, \$4 for ages 5-12 & Free for ages 4 & under.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Table Service by the St Bron's Boy Scout Troop 201 and their parents

Thank you for your support

Proceeds for St Bron's Parish/School/Youth Needs



DIocese of LA CROSSE

Office of the Bishop

August 26, 2024

My Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and members of the faithful in the Diocese of La Crosse

Praised be Jesus Christ! I pray this finds you well.

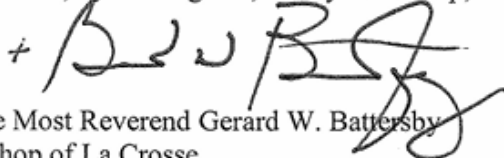
I write today regarding the status of the "*Congregatio Mariae Reginae Immaculatae*" (CMRI) community, who run Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Seneca, Wisconsin. On the website for the CMRI's is a statement and explanation of why they believe the Chair of Peter is vacant. This joins them to other sedevacantists who themselves believe they are somehow saving or preserving the faith, but in reality have separated themselves from the Church's head. The CMRI describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order that is not in union with the Pope. As such, it is not a legitimate religious order of the Catholic Church.

One of my roles as your bishop is to "exercise vigilance so that abuses do not creep into ecclesiastical discipline especially regarding the ministry of the word and the celebrations of the sacraments." (can. 392)

With this role in mind I must state that the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the CMRI's. Masses are available in nearby churches of the Diocese of La Crosse. Particularly regarding the sacraments of confession and marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Let us pray that God will bring all Christian Communities into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, so that we may all be one. (cf. John 17:21)

In Christ, by God's grace, I am your bishop,

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The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse

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2 Nights!

2 Nationally renowned singers,
songwriters, & speakers!

1 Big Weekend!

October 4-5, 2024

Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia

7379 Church St., Custer, WI

www.sacredheartpolonia.com



**October
4th**

6:00 PM

Family rally

“Faith, Family, & The Eucharist”

Worship with music, prayer, & devotion

9:00 PM

**Music, prayer, meditation, and
reflection in the presence of Our Lord**

All ages welcome.

John Paul Von Arx seeks to share his faith and love for country music in venues all across America and has been performing professionally for the last nine years. John Paul is known for his advocacy work for people with Down Syndrome, wanting to give hope to parents expecting a baby with Down Syndrome and solidarity to families with special needs. He loves to entertain and share his story through original music and fun country covers. He is the Coordinator of Worship at Franciscan University and mentors students in leading worship.

**October
5th**

2:00 PM

Youth Rally

**“Confirmation is not graduation
from the church”**

Taking ownership of your Catholic faith & being
counter-cultural without being socially awkward.

7:00 PM

Teen and young adult Rally

“Love vs Lust”

Peer pressure and relationships

Paul J. Kim is an international Catholic speaker, musician, & comedian. His presentations have impacted people of all ages in all 50 states and 16 countries over the past decade, leading his audiences to life-changing encounters with Christ. He's the author of "A Catholic Guide to Adulthood", the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference. His background includes work as a marriage & family therapist, and religious formation with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.



Join Sacred Heart Parish for a Eucharistic Revival weekend!!

Friday, October 4th to Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

40 Hours Devotion

Mass all 3 days. (Confession available at select times all 3 days.)

Display of the Vatican International Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the world.

Rosary Coast to Coast

Eucharistic Procession (weather permitting)

For times, more information, and complete weekend schedule go to www.sacredheartpolonia.com