

August 25, 2024

21st 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, August 27, @ SH

8:15 am +Loretta Klesmit by Roger Klesmit

**Wednesday, August 28,**

**8:15 am +Richie Zblewski**

**by LeRoy & Pat Wierzba**

Thursday, August 29, @ SH

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

8:15 am +Dennis Groshek by Virginia Groshek

**Friday, August 30**

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

**8:15 am +Henry & Phyllis Klesmith**

**by David & Mary Kazmierczak**

Saturday, August 31, @ SH

8:15 am +Tom Orlikowski by Patty Orlikowski

+Ronald Karch by Pat Domaszek

+Clarence Ramczyk by Jane Blanchard

+Norman Platta by Terry & Sharon Domaszek

+James Kezeske by Paul & Nancy Domaszek

Special Intentions for the ones who have fallen away from the Church to return to their faith

2:45 pm Confessions @ SH

4:00 pm +Vincent & Angeline Herek, Alan Zinda

by John & Bev Zinda

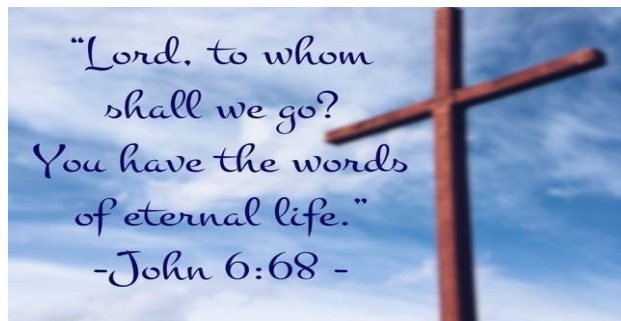
**Sunday, Sept 1, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Parish Families

**10:00 am Special Intentions for**

**Lenny & Ruthie Pliska**





*"The Christian is a soldier. He may have many falls. These need not hinder his joy in the Gospel. He must be humbled indeed but not downcast. But willful sin in any shape proves that he is not a soldier of Christ. If it is habitual and deliberate, of course it destroys his hope. But if it be less than deliberate and yet of*

*the nature of willful sin, it is sufficient, though not to separate him at once from Christ, yet to separate him from the inward vision of Him." - St. John Newman*

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Assumption of Mary & 8-18-24

Offertory	\$ 316.00
Mission Co-Op	780.00
Building	25.00
Adult Env & ACH	1540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2661.00</b>

### A Minute with Jesus: At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to receive Jesus

There are two major parts to the Mass: the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. In the liturgy of the word, we listen to three readings and a psalm from the Bible. These readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand up for the third reading – the Gospel, the most important reading – because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words. After the Gospel, the priest or deacon helps us to understand these readings from sacred scripture and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the words of scripture and the homily prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart, ready to hear the readings from scripture and the homily in order to know You better.*

This week, read from the letter of Paul to Timothy about the importance of God's Word: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

September 6,  
9am-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. We are Blessed to be able to offer First Friday Devotion but our Lord cannot be left alone. **Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.** A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Church entrance.



**OCIA:** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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.

**Holy Hour for Families** Second Monday of Each Month  
7:00PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church 1709 Wyatt Avenue  
Stevens Point. **All Are Welcome.**

### Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources

What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), visit [diolc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://diolc.org/faithful-citizenship).





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

**MISSION APPEAL:**  
**Fr. Thomas Ayepa from the Diocese of Moroto in Uganda** was at our parish to speak about the needs of his diocese for this year's Mission Appeal. There are envelopes for your use in the pews and at the entrance of Church. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. Checks are to be written to St. Mary's I.C. with "Mission Appeal" in the memo line. Please return envelopes by September 1st.

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: *Sharon Zblewski, Jean Miller, Joe Raschka, Jerry Lepak, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Mike Mrozek, Shirley Pliska, 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

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.*



**Christian Book Library** in our church entrance. St. Mary's I.C. Altar Society has started a book library for you to choose a book, read it and return it for another one. Please use the sign out sheet for the book taken. You are welcome to add your books to the library.

**43rd Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, 10 AM-2 PM** : Join hundreds of the faithful at the Schmidt Family Farm, 29281 Fairview Rd., Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass 10am he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. 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.



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2nd-Ron Wierzba
- 3rd-Mike Stremkowski
- 6th-Darrell Meronek & Patsy Somers
- 7th-Donna Wierzba
- 8th-Kathy Glodowski
- 9th-Sharon Meronek
- 10th-Nora Stransky
- 19th-Jim Krusick
- 21st-Dale Kluck
- 29th-Tom Kujawski



Archbishop Listecki Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court: Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded! On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation “to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination.” Wisconsin’s other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop’s petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life—born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. PLEASE PRAY, and to learn more, visit wisconsinatholic.org and click on “NEWS,”

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples**

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) Nominations be in by Sept 1st. Questions call 641-753-6953.

#### **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. Call 608.860.6698 or [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org) There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered in 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)

**Employment Opportunity:** St. Joseph’s and St. Stephen’s are seeking to hire a part-time receptionist, Tuesday-Friday for 20-24 hours a week. This exciting position will enable the right candidate to welcome Christ by welcoming our office guests. Proficiency in MS Office and a joyful attitude are necessary. If interested, visit [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/jobs) or call our office manager, Kristi, at 715-341-1617 ext. 101

CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective. Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? CALIX ([calixsociety.org](http://calixsociety.org)) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call 612.383.8232 (Jim R.) or 651.587.4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

Knights of Columbus the next meeting will be held Sept 3rd at 630pm, Sacred Heart church

### *Liturgical Appointments*

#### SUNDAY, Aug 25

LECTOR Nora USHERS Kyle & Vincent  
SERVERS Zach, Samantha & Spencer  
MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, Denise  
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

#### SUNDAY, Sept 1

LECTOR Kenny USHERS Betty & Anthony  
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan  
MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Marie  
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

#### SUNDAY, Sept 8

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



### **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.***

*Looking for school volunteers who want to make a real difference! The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is ideal for income eligible people 55+ who enjoy children, have some extra time, want activity to keep young, and could use a tax-free stipend and mileage reimbursement each month. Under the direction of a teacher, each Foster Grandparent spends 7.5 hours or more per week in an area school assisting children, one-on-one and in small groups with developmental and learning tasks such as reading, language, math and social skills. On-going training is provided, and no previous classroom experience is needed. Information, contact the FGP Coordinator, the Aging & Disability Resource Center, 715-346-1401.*