

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



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

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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

Secretary-Donna Wierzba....stmary@wi-net.com

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Jessica Bielen

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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, December 2,

8:15 am (SH) +Richard & Linda Konkol

by Family

Wednesday, December 3

8:15 am +**Louise Betro**

by Darlene & John Laska

Thursday, December 4, (SH)

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

8:15 am +Emmerick, Emil & Angie

Wojtalewicz by Dave W.



Friday, December 5,

7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +**Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family**

9 am Silent Adoration

3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Closing Benediction

Saturday, December 6, (@ Convent)

8:15 am +Beverly Stanczyk by Nancy Dulak

+Richard Konkol by Gary & Sue Wiza

+Kuffel & Gagas Families by Family

+Bob & Gladys Wiza by Mike & Judy Yenter

+Jeanette Kaminski by Ernie & Carol Kezeske

@ SMIC 2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +**Chester & Joyce Kowal**

by Bob & Barb Groholski

December 7, 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am @ SH St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred
Heart Parish Families

10:00 am +**Verona & Edwin Herek by Family**





"Come, Sun and Savior, to embrace our gloomy world, its weary race, as groom to bride, as bride to groom: The wedding chamber, Mary's womb. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord. Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe." (8th C. Advent Hymn)

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, Joe Raschka, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Henry Gagas, Denny Elsenrath, Sharon Zblewski, Deagen Selner, Adam Cohen, Betty Kowalski, Ken Wierzba, Jerry Lepak, Jim Zblewski, Bob Zimbauer, Cheryl Dodde, Brigid & Al Pellatt

If anyone is in need of spiritual care at your home or 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 parish. Hospitals do not make 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.

BUY SCRIP After Mass December 7th & 14th

If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday,
please call Shelly (715-592-3775)

Remember: **SCRIP MAKES GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!**

Thank you for supporting our scrip program.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WANT ANY SPECIAL ORDERS

(things that we usually don't carry (items on the back of our sheets) & especially Amazon) that **Sunday, 30 November** is the last day that Shelly can order them before Christmas

BIG THANK YOU to those who helped with the **150th Anniversary Social**. Especially to committee members, Eunice Zwicky, Marie Helminiak, Bernie Fritschler, Debbie Sniadajewski, Carolyn Iwanski. To Diane & Russell Wysocki for the flowers in the Church, Jessica Bielen for Christmas card photos and presentation. Jeannie Hintz for delicious cake, and Nora Stransky, Joanna Taylor, Denise Glodowski, Fr. Miller and everyone else that was there to help us enjoy 150 years of Christianity.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

November 23

<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 85.00
<i>Altar Society</i>	60.00
<i>Flowers</i>	100.00
<i>Adult Env</i>	
<u>& ACH</u>	<u>2668.00</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 2913.00

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED AND CONTINUE TO



DONATE TO OUR BUILDING FUND. 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.

On December 8, the Church celebrates one of the most beautiful Truths of our Faith: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity honors the moment when Mary, from the first instant of her existence, was preserved free from all stain of original sin. God prepared Mary in a unique way to be the Mother of His Son.



Mass @ Sacred Heart 8:15 am
And
@ St. Mary's I.C. 6:00 pm



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

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



GIVE - THANKS GIVE - BACK THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TOWARDS OUR FOOD DRIVE! It was a great success! 3 parish families have received bags of groceries and are very thankful. If you know of anyone who could use some groceries, please call the office 715-592-4330. Our **Little Pantry** outside has also been restocked.

We will continue to collect items through December so we can give a food basket to our families for Christmas. Please remember to check expiration dates, we will not accept outdated items. We also except scrip gift cards. THANK YOU for your generous support!

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION December 5th, 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. ***Please consider "adopting" an hour to sit with our Lord.*** A sign-up sheet is located in the table in the Church entrance.



HOOKED ON LOVE candy canes are up and ready to be selected. The holiday season is a time of loving and giving. We are asking you to add another one to your giving list. Think of single mothers, the joy baby supplies will give them. You would like to give but have no idea how to do it. With Hooked on Love, we

try to make sharing your love easier.

At the entrances of the church is a Christmas tree with color-coded candy canes. TAKE A CANDY CANE, YOUR RIBBON COLORED CHOICE, IS THE AMOUNT YOU WANT TO SPEND. The color of the ribbon indicates the cost of the suggested item. **RED RIBBONS** (\$5-\$10.00), **WHITE RIBBONS** (\$10.00+), and **GREEN RIBBONS** (\$25+). SCRIP; \$25.00 Target, Wal-mart, Aldi or Metro Mart gifts cards are accepted along with any monetary donations, (**Mark envelopes Hooked on Love or Baby Supplies**) and drop it in the church collection. **NO formula or perishable food items or used items.** Items need to be new, a full listing of needed items on entrance wall. Please drop off in the crib in the entrance of Church before 11AM on Dec. 14th. They will be packed for delivery after Dec. 14th Mass for the First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center.

WANTED NAMES OF PARISHIONERS THAT COULD USE EXTRA Baby Supplies! If you know of **anyone** in the parish or area who could use help with baby supplies contact Marie Helminiak (715-592-4971 or 715-592-4330) and leave a message on the recorder as soon as possible, before Dec. 14th. Names will be kept confidential.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7th-Betty Rozek
Bernice Kepler
8th-Mary Zurawski
10th-Sue Stremkowski
11th-Dennis Mocadlo
16th-Bernie Fritschler
2st-Colleen Raschka
23rd-Lisa Piesik
24th-Deb Sniadajewski,
Randy Iwanski
Nick Stremkowski

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

we ordered extras. Share memories of St. Mary Immaculate Conception church with family members. \$3.00 each available at the office, call 715-592-4330 to reserve.

St. Mary's I.C. Meeting:

**Pastoral Council -
December 11, 6:30 pm**

If any member of the parish has an item that they would like discussed or added to the Pastoral agenda, please contact any of the members.

Fr. Mark Miller,
Deacon Jim, Nora Stransky,
Marie Helminiak, Jacque
Wille, Randy Maslowski

Advent begins Nov. 30th

Advent is the season of preparation for the birth of Christ that includes a call to purification through personal spiritual renewal, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), and making simple acts of penance and sacrifice. Purification is a key theme, involving the cleansing of hearts and minds from worldly distractions to focus on Christ's coming, asking for the grace to "purify hope" and preparing for the Lord.

The priest's vestments during Advent are purple, the color of penance and sacrifice. They are a constant reminder of our need to get ready—to be cleansed and purified. Advent is a season for stepping back from our busy lives, taking time in stillness and solitude, to reflect more deeply on the mystery of God's Incarnation—Jesus taking on human flesh to be among us. This can also include something like not having dessert occasionally, or turning off the TV for one night or setting aside an electronic device for an hour. Or this can include helping someone in need or visiting a person who is lonely. We offer small sacrifices to spend this Advent in true preparation for the real gift of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Nov 30

LECTOR Nora **USHERS** Anthony
SERVERS Hutton, Keaton, Nolan
MONEY COUNTERS David, Rosemarie, Joanna
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

***SATURDAY, Dec 6

LECTOR Deb **USHERS** Ron
SERVERS Leo & Landon
MUSICIANS Bob & Sandie

SUNDAY, Dec 7

LECTOR Emily **USHERS** Anthony
SERVERS Maddie & Elizabeth
MONEY COUNTERS Kirk, John, Randy
MUSICIANS Jacque & Carolyn

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING 12 noon

praying of the Rosary in church, followed by a lunch prepared by Rose 2 Gift exchange; each attendee is asked to bring 3 doz. homemade cookies to be exchanged plus 3 extra cookies for lunch. Bring a friend, all women of the parish welcome.



DIVINE IMAGE SISTERS

Special Invitation

The congregation of
THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE DIVINE IMAGE (MSDI)
Catholic Diocese of Bomadi
Cordially invites you

To the

FINAL RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OF VOWS
of her beloved sister
Sr Mary Justina Ifeyinwa OSUMUNE

By His Excellency
MOST REV. GERARD W. BATTERSBY, D.D.
Bishop Of The Catholic Diocese Of La Crosse

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2025

VENUE:
SACRED HEART PARISH POLONIA, USA.

MASS: 10:00AM

R.S.V.P

Sr Rosemary Essien
Med. Dr. Louise Smyth
Tel: 7153402006 (Call or text)

Mother Ugochi Vivian Ozurumba
Foundress (MSDI)

MAGNIFICAT Subscriptions: The parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's I.C. are again extending an offer to parishioners to sign up for, or renew, an annual subscription to receive a monthly copy of the MAGNIFICAT for a reduced price. The renewal period will be after the January 2026 issue.

The standard price for an annual subscription is \$49.00; however, your price will be \$39.00. Each month your copy will be available for pickup at the parish. If you would like to reserve or renew your subscription, please complete the order form located below and return it in the collection with your \$39 payment made payable to St. Mary's by December 3rd.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION envelopes can be found in your Church Support envelopes and also in the Church entrance. Please include the name of the person you wish to donate in memory of. Thank you.



MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Qty: _____ **Enclosed: \$** _____

Parish: _____
(Make check out to St. Mary's, please return by Dec 3rd)

PRIEST PRAYER CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2025

1 st	Pope Leo XIV
2 nd	Bp. Battersby
3 rd	Fr. Robert Cook
4 th	Fr. Richard Dickman
5 th	Msgr. Michael Gorman
6 th	Fr. William Grevatch
7 th	Fr. John Heagle
8 th	Fr. Paul Hoffman
9 th	Msgr. Robert Hundt
10 th	Msgr. David Kunz
11 th	Fr. Dennis Lynch
12 th	Fr. Delbert Malin
13 th	Fr. Peter Manickam
14 th	Fr. William Menzel
15 th	Fr. John Parr
16 th	Fr. Donald Przybylski
17 th	Msgr. Roger Scheckel
18 th	Fr. John Shultz
19 th	Fr. Dennis Stanchik
20 th	Msgr. Charles Stoezel
21 st	Fr. George Szews
22 nd	Fr. Robert Thorn.
23 rd	Fr. Roy Witucki
24 th	Fr. Eugene Wolf
25 th	Fr. Rajendran Anandan
26 th	Fr. Stanislaus Anthony
27 th	Fr. Kurt Apfelbeck
28 th	Fr. Emmanuel Asamoah-Bekoe
29 th	Fr. Juan Baltazar
30 th	Fr. Donald Bauer
31 st	Fr. Aaron Becker



Please pray some kind of prayer for the priests listed each day. It's good to pray for our priests in general of course, but also specifically.
Thank you.



Potluck **DINNER**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

**JOIN US IN THE CHURCH HALL
FOLLOWING THE 4 O'CLOCK MASS**

BRING A DISH TO PASS.

Hosted by:

Family Life Committee