

St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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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
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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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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 22, (SH)
8:15 am +Patricia Kluck by Deb Adamski

Wednesday, September 23,
8:15 am +Karen Liebe by Samantha Klish

Thursday, September 24 @ SH
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +In Thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Ralph & Theresa Kostuch

Friday, September 25,
7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions
8:15 am +Lorraine Glodowski
by St. Mary's Altar Society

SATURDAY, September 26 @ SH
8:15 am +Shirley by Mary Ann & Lorraine
+Souls in Purgatory by Deb Adamski

2:45 pm Confessions
4:00 pm +Deceased Members of Kostuch, Gagas & Gliniecki Families
by Ralph & Theresa Kostuch

September 27, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 am @ SH +David K Trzebiatowski
by Roger & Dee Lepak

10:00 am St. Mary's I.C & Sacred Heart Parish Families



"During the entire course of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, never deviated in the slightest from the precepts and examples of her Divine Son. This was true both in the most sweet joys Mary experienced and in the cruel sufferings she underwent, which made her the Queen of Martyrs." - Ven. Pius XII

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 715-310-7220 or dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com) and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION October 2nd, 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.



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:
Denny Elsenrath, Henry Gagas, Connie Groholski, Barb Groholski, Brigid & Al Pellatt, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Shirley Pliska, Joe Raschka, Kenny Rozek, Valerie Stanczyk, Jack Stremkowski, Pat Wierzba, Jim Zblewski, Sharon Zblewski, Bob Zimbauer

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** **NOTE*****please call 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.*

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT
September 13

Offertory	*$ 109.00*
Building Fund	*230.00*
Adult Env & ACH	*1,653.00*
Total	*$ 1,992.00*



St. Mary's Parish is looking to expand and renew its **SACRED WORSHIP COMMITTEE.** All parishioners are welcome to come to an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30pm** We are looking for people interested in assisting Fr. Mark in planning various aspects of our worship with particular attention to the Church seasonal calendar. The purpose of this first meeting would be to plan music selections and decorations for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th and the Christmas season concludes Saturday, January 10th.

Remembering *Thomas P. Sbonik* in our prayers. Tom, our parish family member passed away on August 22nd, and was laid to rest September 1st. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Tom. May we continue to pray for his family during this difficult time.



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Building Together

Uniting Hearts and Spaces

If you have been watching our Gathering Space coming together, you can see we will soon have a wonderful space for many church activities. At the meeting with Ellis last week, the 6 week schedule was updated and most parts are getting to the final stages with blown insulation and drywall finishing. Next comes paint, stone veneer, siding and soffit.

As with any construction project, there are changes. Each time there are additional costs associated with the change. When we provided the Diocese with the cost to do Phase 1, (Approximately $1,400,000) the donors stepped up and contributed **much more** than they had agreed to match parishioners contributions so we could meet the Diocese's requirement to have 80% in the bank. We needed $1,120,000 in the bank. Here is how we got there:

We Belong to Christ - $21,277.32
Inspired by the Spirit - $128,756
Finance Committee from Savings - $150,000
Contributions prior to anonymous donors - $185,788
Anonymous donors - $516,000
We got to over $1,000,000.
Then some parishioners provided additional donations of $225,000.
We had enough to start.
We have paid $645,000

We know completion guarantee is now at $1,000,000 left to pay for original quote plus all changes to enhance the size and finishes for the space. If you are doing the math, our collections will not cover the balance that will be due at the end. We are roughly $300,000 short. We are also going to need furniture and landscaping. When we began this project (yes, a long time ago), 85% of the Parish voted to do this. As of today, we do not have 85% of parishioners who have contributed. If you have yet to contribute or you would consider contributing more, it will only further allow the project to be completed, on time and on budget.

Thanks you for your consideration. As always, If you have any questions, please contact members of the Building committee.







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.

*There are also envelopes available in the entrance of the church.



Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, September 27
LECTOR John **USHERS** Kyle
SERVERS Elizabeth, Keaton
MONEY COUNTERS John, David, Rosemarie
MUSICIANS Mary & Cheryl

SUNDAY, October 4
LECTOR Nora **USHERS** Ron & Chris
SERVERS Sammi, Spencer
MONEY COUNTERS Brad, Bette, Kirk
MUSICIANS Jacquie & Carolyn

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish 150th Anniversary Celebration
November 1st 10:00 am Mass followed by Buffet Lunch & Social
This event is for St. Mary's I.C. Parishioners

We are in need of several people to assist in the following ways:

1. We are creating a **picture memorial** that needs pictures from parishioners that we can use of all the special memories from our history. Any pictures or other memorials will be returned. Please let Eunice know, 715-592-4175 what you may have. If you are willing to assist with this project, please let the her know.
2. **Selling Raffle Tickets** before & after Mass every Sunday in October.
3. We are planning to have a special celebration and need **volunteers** to assist. Call Eunice—Many hands make light work. This celebration is a major under-taking for the parish, so please be willing to assist. Thank you in advance for stepping up to help celebrate this incredible milestone.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
November 1, 2026



RAFFLE BASKETS

Please keep us in mind when out shopping or feel free to donate a themed basket. Gift cards and monetary donations are welcome. The baskets will be valued total of $75. to $100.00. Leave your donation in the tote in the entrance of the church **before Sept. 27th.** Any questions contact Denise 715-310-2375. Thanks

Basket Raffle Tickets

will be for sale after Sunday Masses during the month of October. Winners will be notified after 3 pm on Nov 1st. Need not be present to win.

November 1, we will be celebrating St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish 150th Anniversary **Dinner** served at **12:30pm** by Lisa's Sweet Baking and Catering Inc. with choice of Chicken breast, Hamburger or Hot dogs. Included baked beans, coleslaw, potatoes salad, fruit salad, small cupcakes, coffee and milk. Will be served picnic style in the church hall, seating of 150. Parish is providing meals and drinks to parishioners as a THANK YOU for providing donations for the construction of the Phase 1 Church hall. YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET FOR DINNER.

PARISHIONERS TO OBTAIN A DINNER TICKET COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW
Bring with you in exchange for dinner tickets before or after Mass on Sept. 20, 27th Oct. 4 and 11th.

Parishioners Name_____

Number of Adults attending _____ Number of children 5 and under attending _____