

March 16, 2025



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

7176 Esker Road, Custer, WI 54423

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by noon on Tuesday.

**PARISH CLERGY**

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Deacon Jim Sniadajewski

[dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto: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](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com)

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**Coordinator of Religious Education**-  
Jessica Bielen

**Custodian**-Jeanne Hintz

**Maintenance/Grounds keeping**

Josh Genskow

**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

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, March 18, (SH)

8:15 am Blessings for Father Miller

**Wednesday, March 19**

**8:15 am @SMIC +Wayne Raschka by Chet**

6:15pm Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart

Thursday, March 20 (SH)

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

8:15 am +Joseph Kuczkowski by Mary Ann Kobishop

**Friday, March 21**

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

**8:15 am +Butch Gagas by Bob & Barb Groholski**

Saturday, March 22, (SH)

8:15 am +Frank Iwanski by Lois Iwanski

+Clarence Ramczyk by Mannie & Carmen Estrada

+Larry Strong by Bernard & Marlene Schulist

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm +James, Sylvia, Lawrence & Larry

Kezeske by Kevin & Kim Trelka

**Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of LENT**

8:00 am (SH) +Deceased Members of Ambrose

& Sophie Konkol by Richard Konkol

**9:25 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

**Parish Families**

AND A VOICE  
CAME OUT OF THE CLOUD, SAYING,

"THIS IS MY SON,  
MY CHOSEN ONE;

**LISTEN TO HIM!"**

LUKE 9:35 ESV



*Dear Jesus, in the Sacrament of the Altar, be forever thanked and praised. Love, worthy of all celestial and terrestrial love! Who, out of infinite love for me, ungrateful sinner, assumed our human nature, shed Your most Precious Blood in the cruel scourging, and expired on a shameful Cross for our eternal welfare!*

*Now illumined with lively faith, with the outpouring of my whole soul and the fervor of my heart, I humbly beseech You, through the infinite merits of Your painful sufferings, give me strength and courage to destroy every evil passion which sways my heart, to bless You by the exact fulfillment of my duties, supremely to hate all sin, and thus to become a Saint. Amen. (Prayer to overcome sinful passions)*

## LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

### The Important Season of Lent

During the season of Lent, the major focus is on three pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Regarding prayer, a transformative way of praying is incorporating a daily examination of conscience. This simple process takes about five minutes. Before climbing into bed, think back over the day in a broad sweep and give thanks to God for two things. Also, think back on how personal selfishness was manifested in your dealings with others and ask the Lord to forgive you. Fast from one thing that you particularly like, such as some type of social media, a type of food or a TV program, etc. Offer up this sacrifice for a member of your family who is struggling. Almsgiving is about sharing what we have with the poor - not only money but also ourselves - by serving someone in need.

**This Lent, Find Hope!** During this important Jubilee of Hope 2025, and now during Lent, we want to grow in the virtue of hope. Hope is a theological virtue, which means that this gift comes from God and leads us back to God. We receive the gift of hope from God in baptism. Hope allows Christians to trust in God, especially when things seem difficult or impossible to receive, such as salvation. (See John 11:25-26) "Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire" (CCC #1820). During Lent, let us pray often the Our Father prayer with great hope. For further details on the Jubilee of Hope, visit [diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope](http://diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope)

### Lent: Step out of your comfort zone and "Unplug" for 15 minutes!

During the season of Lent, we are called to become less attached to the things of this world. In "giving up" 15 minutes on the phone each day, this time becomes available for quiet reflection. A compelling way to deepen your friendship with Christ is to read one chapter from sacred Scripture each day. How about starting with the Gospel of Luke, which includes the full life of Jesus? Read from your Bible or search [Luke 1 Bible Catholic or bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/1](http://Luke 1 Bible Catholic or bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/1)

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT March 9

Offertory	\$ 252.00
Building Fund	20.00
Easter Flowers	60.00
Adult Env	
& ACH	1225.00
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Total	\$ 1557.00

**ACH applications:** Please consider signing up for ACH for your regular Weekly/Monthly contribution. Please call the office, 715-592-4330 for more information.



*Stations of the Cross*  
**Sundays at 9:25am at St. Mary's I.C. Wednesdays at 6:15pm at Sacred Heart.**  
Sacred Heart School children will have Stations at 2:00pm on Fridays: March 28th and April 11th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### BUY SCRIP

After Mass March 23rd  
If you need scrip before Scrip Sunday, please call Shelly (715-592-3775)  
Thank you for supporting our scrip program

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

**Scrip will be Sold on  
APRIL 6th & 27th**



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

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

THE NEXT FAMILY MASS WILL BE SUNDAY, March 30th.

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, Adam Cohen, Valerie Stanczyk, Henry Gagas, Jean Miller, Sharon Zblewski, Cindy Klish, Jerry Lepak, Denny Elsenrath, Joe Raschka, Shirley Pliska, Ken Wierzba, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Jim Zblewski, Mike Mrozek, 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 the parish. Hospitals do not make us aware of these situations.

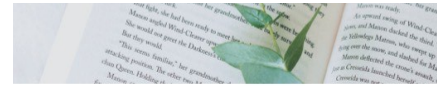
For prayer support through the unpublished St. Mary's I.C. Parish Prayer Chain please call *Elsie Mansavage 715-592-4174*, or the Parish Office *715-592-4330* or [stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com) **FIRST NAMES ONLY** will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.



## *Building Together* Uniting Hearts and Spaces

### Church Hall Update:

We have Diocesan approval to complete Phase 1. We already had approval for the rectory asbestos abatement and house removal. The abatement will happen as soon as the local permits are received. Next step will be to remove any items in the rectory that are salvageable. Once weight limits are removed, the rectory will be removed. We expect this to happen within the next 6 weeks. We are in process of getting final quotes on all aspects of Phase 1 and are working to secure a General Contractor. Meetings continue to occur and we will continue to update you as the project moves forward. We hope as progress becomes more visible, you will be as excited as we are to make this dream of our gathering space become a reality.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Faith Formation

Scan this QR code and join!



### CAN A WEEK Campaign

The theme of Lent is  
Prayer, Fasting and

Alms-giving these are the three things we need to work on during Lent. Here is where you can work on the almsgiving part. It is more than throwing a few extra dollars towards charities; it is about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love. This year, we are needed in many places, the three parish families we help, and in Portage County. Let's NOW help them with the food supplies they need by donating towards our **CAN A WEEK** Campaign. Plan to donate a can of non-perishable food weekly during Lent to help those who need an extra hand. Please drop your donation off at church in the shopping cart, by **March 30, 10:00am**. Monetary donations especially, SCRIP appreciated; put in an envelope marked Can A Week and deposited in the church collection box. **Expired cans will be thrown in the garbage.**

If you know of a friend or neighbor that needs help, recorder is always on at 715-592-4330 or 592-4971.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

17th-Terry Fritschler 19th-Jenny Yenter  
20th-Cheryl Gagas 22nd-Marlene Bronk  
24th-Lousie Betro & Larry Zwicky 27th-Kenny Rozek

#### A Minute with Jesus: Jesus is the “Living Bread from Heaven.”

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread to His apostles for the first time at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living bread to us in holy Communion. The living bread is Jesus Himself Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the living bread received in Holy Communion.* This week, read Jesus’s explanation that He is the living bread from heaven (John 6: 48-51).

### Liturgical Appointments

#### SUNDAY, March 16

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Randy & Anthony  
**SERVERS** Maddie & Elizabeth  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Brad, Bette, Tom  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

#### SUNDAY, March 23

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

#### SUNDAY, March 30

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



Women on a Mission was established several years ago to provide educational, networking and community activities for all women of the Parish. Some of the most rewarding were the Caring Bags filled each November with donations from the entire parish, making blankets for young mothers, making and selling cookies, Moments with Mary bracelets and cookies and soup in a jar. Items sold allowed us the funds to provide other community services such as the once a year dinner at the Salvation Army. Over time, less individuals participated and it was determined to discontinue. There was still some funds in the account and it was determined that any remaining funds would be donated to the Building Together fund. That was recently done. This group will always be thankful for the support of the parish.

**An Opportunity for a Deeper Experience of God’s Presence - Jubilee of Hope 2025** You are encouraged to participate in this Jubilee of Hope to receive God’s gifts and experience His presence in a much deeper way. The gift of hope is especially important for us. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines hope as “the theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817). Ask God to increase the gift of hope in you. Further, make simple acts of hope by saying, “Jesus, I trust in You.” For further details, visit [diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope](http://diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope)



Are you interested in serving St. Mary's in an important and rewarding way? **Parish Council will hold elections** for the next two year terms in April. There are four positions available and we need volunteers or and/or nominations for all 4.

*THANK YOU TO Patrick Johnson* who has served us diligently for multiple terms and is not eligible to run for another term this year. Christine Sapa, Carolyn Iwanski and Nora Stransky are completing their first term and are eligible for another, if they choose to run. Please volunteer to run or nominate a candidate you know would be willing to serve a two year term. Nomination form below or can be found in the entrance of Church or contact the office by March 16.715-592-4330.



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINIATIONS

Nominees must be a member of St. Mary's I.C. Parish and 18 years or older. Please consider nominating yourself along with another parishioner.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Return before March 16th. Thank you

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO OUR SPRING



*Pancake*

**BREAKFAST**

*Sunday  
April 6th*

FOLLOWING THE 8 AM  
MASS AT ST. MARY'S

DONATIONS OF EGGS ARE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED.

PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE CHURCH  
REFRIGERATOR BETWEEN  
MARCH 30TH-APRIL 4TH



**VOTE in the April 1 Elections for a State Supreme Court Justice** Wisconsinites will vote to elect a State Supreme Court Justice, as well as a number of other judges (district & county), State Superintendent of Public Education and candidates for other public office. Millions of dollars are being spent on the State Supreme Court election between Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Brad Schimel and Dane County Circuit Court Judge Susan Crawford. Though officially non-partisan, this election is widely viewed as determining the conservative-liberal balance of the State Supreme Court. To learn about the candidates, [diolc.org/social-concerns](http://diolc.org/social-concerns). You can also access information on the State Superintendent of Public Education race and details on how/where to vote

Hosted By:  
Sacred Heart Home & School

# Pizza Dinner

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish  
7379 Church St, Custer, WI 54423

**March 29th, 2025 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Available Pizzas - Cheese Sausage Pepperoni Supreme**  
Tickets to be Purchased at the Door:  
3 Slice Pizza Dinner \$15.00  
2 Slice Pizza Dinner \$13.00  
1 Slice Pizza Dinner \$10.00  
Children under 5 free  
Fundraiser for Sacred Heart School



Meal Includes:

Plate of Pizza Slices  
Salad Bar  
Dessert Bar  
Milk, Water

**Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia** is now accepting applications for a Cemetery Groundskeeper position. This position will be responsible for the mowing, trimming and grounds upkeep of the Sacred Heart cemetery. Please see the complete job description on the parish website [www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment) for more details.



Repent and Believe in the Gospel

**March 30, 31, & April 1**  
**6:30 p.m.**

## St. Stephen Church

1401 Clark Street, Stevens Point

Join us for our Lenten Mission with

**Fr. Derek Sakowski**

Director, "Rebuild My Church" Initiative

During this Jubilee, we will discuss and discover what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope as we **"Repent and Believe in the Gospel"**

**Sunday**  
Repent

**Daily Topics:**  
**Monday**  
Believe

**Tuesday**  
Gospel

'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'  
- Luke 15

Sponsored by St. Stephen, St. Joseph, St. Peter and St. Casimir Parishes  
[www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mission](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/mission)

Join Fr. Hennes and the Parishes of St. Stephen and St. Joseph on a Jubilee Year Marian Spirituality Pilgrimage to Italy from 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 more information, call 715-341-1617 ext. 101 or visit [www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/pilgrimage).

## St. Adalbert Parish

3305 St. Adalbert Road, Rosholt, WI

# FISH FRY



Every Friday

February 28 through April 11, 2025

4:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Dinner options include 3 fish or 6 shrimp, or a combo of 2 fish and 4 shrimp for \$15

**2 Fish or 3 Shrimp - \$12**

Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Coffee & milk in the dining room.

**Take-out orders: 715-677- 4518**

Domestic & Craft Beers and Flavored Malt Beverages Available.

**Large & Weekly Raffle!**

## St. Bronislava's

# FISH FRY FRIDAY

Friday, March 28

4:30 - 7:30

### TRADITIONAL FISH FRY

Baked Fish Fried Fish Shrimp

Baked Potato French Fries Coleslaw

Homemade Rolls Homemade Desserts Beverage

2 piece - \$12 3 piece - \$14

Shrimp - \$14 Fish/Shrimp Combo - \$14

### FISH TACOS

Fish Tacos served on Fresh Tortillas with Cabbage, Pineapple Salsa, and Lime

2 Tacos - \$12 1 Taco/1 Piece of Fish- \$13

### KID'S MEAL

Mac N' Cheese PB & J \$5

For Carry Outs Call 715-344-4326

All proceeds benefit Seminarians

Adult 21+ Only Fundraising Event

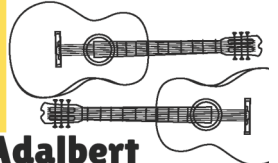
**April 5, 2025**

Doors open at 7pm

Music begins at 8pm

Located at the Rosholt Fairgrounds

• Potato Bar •  
Cash Bar • Raffles

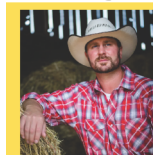


## A Saint Adalbert CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EVENT

**STRINGS FOR KIDS**

Featuring

**The Jerry Schmidt Band**



**A Night of Live Music & Dancing**

\*MUST HAVE A TICKET FOR ENTRY\*

Individual tickets do not include a table or reserved seating

**\$40** Advance Ticket

**\$50** At The Door

VIP table **\$500** with 8 seats and a reserved table

For Questions Please Inquire: **715-677-4519** or [parish@roshtolcatholic.org](mailto:parish@roshtolcatholic.org)