

October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary 's Immaculate Conception Parish

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

PARISH CLERGY

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dcn.jim@sacredheartpolonia.com

You may reach Father Miller for both emergency
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PARISH STAFF

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Jessica Bielen

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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, October 7, @ SH

8:15 am +Fr. Marcin Mankowski

Wednesday, October 8

8:15 am +Karen Greene, Edwin Dombrowski,
Bill Bidlingmeyer by Bernard & Marlene

Thursday, October 9, (SH)

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

8:15 am +Alanna Kosmalski

by Leon & Judy Wroblewski

Friday, October 10,

7-8 Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Bette Maslowski by Pat & Family

Saturday, October 11,

8:15 AM @ SH +Pat Kluck by PCCW

+Alice Wierzba by Agnes & Mark Milanowski

+Peter Wrycza by Dolores & Family

+Bob Zoromski by Jim & Brenda Zoromski

2:45 pm Confessions

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

October 12, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am @ SMIC

+Conroy Soik by The Soik Family

+Darlene Kropidowski by LeRoy

+Louise Betro by Pat & LeRoy Wierzba

10:00 am @ SH

+Alvina Marchel by Lori Shroda





"He watches for Christ who is zealous in seeking and honoring him. He looks out for him in all that happens and would not be surprised if he found that he was coming at once. And he watches with Christ, who does not forget that he has suffered for him. He watches with Christ whoever commemorates and

renews in his own person Christ's Cross and agony."

- St. John Newman

Dear Parishioners:

I hope all of you are doing well, and that you are enjoying these first days of Autumn!

On Oct 5, our parish will begin the annual appeal for this current fiscal year. The appeal will end on June 30, 2026. You should receive your pledge cards and other materials in the mail by mid-October. This year's theme is "Fueling Missions of Hope."

The goal for this year is \$22,655. Last year's goal was \$22,455, of which \$20,042.50 was raised (89.26%). I would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to last year's appeal, and I encourage those who have not previously helped to prayerfully consider assisting this year. One of the precepts of the Church that applies to both laity and those who are ordained is that we are to provide, according to our means, for the temporal needs of the Church.

We must remember that the Church extends beyond our parish and that we are part of a larger whole. Our monetary help with this appeal assists not only those we know, but many whom we do not know.

As a reminder, at the end of the appeal, any outstanding balance from the appeal is billed to the parish and the parish simply pays it from its savings. Also, any monies in excess of the appeal are returned to the parish and they are not included in the next year's assessment!

Please take this to prayer, and have this be a successful appeal!

Cordially,
Fr. Miller

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, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Henry Gagas, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Denny Elsenrath, Adam Cohen, Sharon Zblewski, Jerry Lepak, Ken Wierzba, Jim Zblewski, 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 **FIRST NAMES ONLY** will be used; members promise to respect your request in confidence.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

Sept 28

Offertory \$ 123.42

Adult Env

& ACH 858.00

Total \$ 981.42

***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.

***THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
HAVE DONATED TO OUR
BUILDING FUND***

BUY SCRIP

After Mass

October 19th

If you need scrip before
Scrip Sunday, please call
Shelly (715-592-3775)
Thank you for supporting
our scrip program.



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

You can still register. Forms are available at the entrance of Church. Please turn them into the office or to Jessica.

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



Confirmation Please remember in your prayers Madison Stremkowski as she prepares for Confirmation. May God continue to guide and fill her with his grace as she journeys closer to him.



3rd grade - Jessica Bielen
5th & 6th - Sarah Raschka
7th & 8th - Amy Stremkowski
9th & 10th - Christine Sapa
THANK YOU TEACHERS



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11th-Chet Raschka 12th-Henry Gagas
13th-Brad Britz & Brenda Retzlaff
14th-Lorraine Glodowski
15th-Eunice Zwicky 23rd-Pat Klosinski 29th-Betty Kitzerow
30th-Lisa Firkus 31st-Lenny Pliska

Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1) *During this Jubilee Year of Hope, you will want to ask God, in an ongoing way, to deepen your gift of hope. Hope is based upon trust. You can place your trust in Jesus as He desires to give you every-thing that is good. When you pray for something, you can trust that Jesus will answer every prayer in a way that is best for you. Remember, sometimes the answer will be "yes," sometimes the answer will be "no" and sometimes the answer will be "not now, but later" as God's timing is perfect.*



ST. MARY'S I.C. FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to donate to our Food Pantry Your non perishable items and monetary donations go to local families. Please help us help those in need. Drop off items in the cart in the entrance of Church. **Please check the expiration date on items you are donating.**



Gazebo/Convent
Gift Shop. Gazebo
Gift Shop behind

Polonia Convent is open dawn to dusk. Self-serve with instructions inside the gazebo. Enjoy browsing and supporting this on-going fundraiser which helps the MSDI Polonia Convent. Thank you to all who come and shop and blessings to you!! • New items added frequently so please come and see inside the gazebo!

Evening of Hope You are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church in Wausau and participate in an Evening of Hope on October 12th. For the jubilee year, the Church of the Resurrection has been designated as a pilgrimage site. Father James Kurzynski will offer a jubilee reflection beginning at 2 p.m., with confessions being heard from 2-4 p.m. and benediction at 4 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU! Yes, we might be a little early.

To celebrate **St. Mary's Immaculate Conception 150th Anniversary**, on November 16, 2025: We have created a beautiful CHRISTMAS CARD. A beautiful snow scene of St. Mary's I.C. church on the front with our altar at Christmas inside the card. Please check out the sample of the card in the entrance of Church. These cards are for you to purchase, 10 cards for \$20.00 or 20 cards for \$40.00. Orders will be taken on October 19th & 26th in the entrance. Cards will be ready for pick up on November 16th & 23rd.



**St. Joseph
Galloway
Fall Breakfast**
Sunday, October 12, 2025
Buffet Style Breakfast
9-30AM - 11:30AM
(after 8:30 Mass)

Adults \$12 - 6-12 \$6 - 5 & Under Free
\$10,000+ Cash Raffle

Czarnina and Chicken Soup Sale

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

Scrambled Eggs

Nueske's Ham

Nueske's Sausage

Blueberry French
Toast Bake

Pancakes

Potato Pancakes

Cheesy Potatoes

Fresh Fruit

Desserts

Coffee

and more!

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Liturgical Appointments

SUNDAY, Oct 12 8:00 MASS

LECTOR Deb USHERS Randy M, Travis

SERVERS Landon & Leo

MONEY COUNTERS Randy, Joanna, Marie

MUSICIANS Mary & Jim

SUNDAY, Oct 19

LECTOR Nora USHERS Randy I, Anthony

SERVERS Spencer & Samantha

MONEY COUNTERS Jeremy, Lisa, John

MUSICIANS Carolyn & Jacquie

**St. Joseph
Holy Name Society**
15th Annual Pork Roast Dinner
Saturday, October 18
Serving From 4:30-7:00p.m.
Dine-in or Carry-out available



Menu

Roast Pork
Parsley Boiled
Potatoes
Baked Beans
Sauerkraut
Cole Slaw
Brownies
Rolls

Tickets:

Adults: \$15

Children under 12: \$5

50/50 Drawing
Basket Raffle

Reservations are requested by
October 12, 2025

Call: 715-340-4857 or

Email: daniels.mmlj@gmail.com

Please specify dine-in or carry-out when
making reservations. Thank you.

St. Joseph Parish - 1709 Wyatt Avenue - Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-341-1617 - www.PointCatholicFaith.org



ST. MICHAEL'S PCCW



PROLIFE BASKET

RAFFLE &

PONCZKA PICK UP*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:30am-11:00am

St. Michael's Church Hall
Junction City

ProLife Walk(optional)

(Approximate length 20 minutes)

Following 9am Mass

Basket Winners Drawn After the Walk
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

*TO ORDER PONCZKAS-CONTACT

BRIONNA @ 715.540.0327 Kylee @ 715.457.5265

Pilgrimage to Mexico - Marian Messengers
February 8-13 Come and visit Our Lady of
Guadalupe with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. We will
be walking the actual steps of St. Juan Diego
and learning firsthand of the incredible message
and mission that Mary has for us! Infor:
www.marianmessengers.org 800-842-4842
(International Tours in partnership with
Theology of the Body Institute)



"That Man Is You" men's group, the sessions are held every Tuesday starting with
breakfast at 6:00 am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion,
ending at 7:30 am, at Sacred Heart. This year we are going back to year 1, the foundation

of TMiY, *Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart*. This is not a repeat of year 1. We've kept the heart of the original
and some of Steve Bollman's most impactful talks, however, now you'll hear from multiple dynamic speakers, each
sharing personal stories and insights that speak directly to the challenges men face today. **This is for all men in the
Stevens Point Deanery.**

Family Life Committee

All-You-Can-Eat

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th
after 8 a.m. Mass

Menu:

Buttermilk pancakes,
scrambled eggs, sausage,
applesauce, desserts,
coffee, milk
and orange juice.

***Donations of eggs
are greatly appreciated.
Please drop off between Oct 5th - 10th
in the Church Kitchen Refrigerator.**

BRING A FAVORITE
DESSERT TO SHARE





Time to Respond!

God Wants to Shower Us with His Gifts

We are in the remaining three months of the *Jubilee Year of Hope*. Jubilees ordinarily take place every twenty-five years and so this is significant for us! It is time to respond – or respond again – to this unique opportunity for profound spiritual growth and renewed faith through God’s gift of grace that He wants to shower upon us. The following ways are meant to intensify our experience of God’s grace – His divine life – at work within us. You are invited to:

Rediscover Peace and Healing

Now is a good time for each one of us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will bring greater freedom, hope, joy and peace. We will be strengthened through the power of God’s grace to break sinful habits and live with greater generosity toward others. When you go, ask a friend to go with you so they too will encounter the unconditional love of Jesus.

Make a Pilgrimage with Family

A pilgrimage is to a sacred place and involves stepping out of the normal routine with the goal of coming closer to God. Making a pilgrimage reminds us that in our everyday lives we are pilgrims on a journey to heaven. Fall is a beautiful time for going with your family on a pilgrimage, opening up to an abundance of God’s grace. Bishop Battersby has designated the following as places of pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee Year:

- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman – La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe – La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church – Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection – Wausau. A Celebration of Hope will be held on **Sunday, Oct 12, 2025** including a Holy Hour, Confession, and a presentation by Fr. James Kurzynski on hope. For complete details, see diolc.org/jubilee2025
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church – Nekoosa

If planning a pilgrimage outside of normal open hours, call ahead to ensure churches will be unlocked.

In making a pilgrimage, a plenary indulgence may be gained, which is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Such an indulgence, which applies to sin already forgiven, cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. The conditions for receiving an indulgence are found here: diolc.org/jubilee2025

Recognize that God brings hope and healing, even in the midst of suffering and tragedy.

12 yr. old Sophia Forchas has been in the hospital in critical condition after nearly dying. She was shot in the head during the attack at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

Dr. Walt Galicich, Sophia’s surgeon, said, “The pressure in her brain was

very high. If you had told me at this juncture ten days later that we would be standing here with any ray of hope, I would have said it would take a miracle.”

That miracle did come through fervent prayer. Sophia’s father announced that they have literally heard from people all over the world who are praying for their daughter. Her family gave this statement on Sept. 22nd, “We’re thrilled to share that Sophia continues to make steady progress, showing promising signs of neurological recovery. Though she still has a long journey ahead, filled with extensive therapy, her resilience continues to inspire hope at every step of the way.”

We have witnessed another tragedy in our country with the murder of Charlie Kirk. He was a husband and father of two small children. Kirk was known for his outspoken belief in Jesus Christ, his defense of basic Biblical values, and his respectful dialogue on college campuses with those who disagreed with him. Where do we see hope in the loss of Kirk’s life? Through the prayer of untold numbers of people, Erika Kirk was given the power of God’s grace to forgive the man who took the life of her husband and best friend.

May we, too, whatever we may face in life, remain anchored in Jesus Christ, the reason for our hope!

By Ann Lankford
Office for Catechesis- Evangelization