

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day



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

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Please submit bulletin notices to [stmary@wi-net.com](mailto: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

[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)

Bookkeeper-[stmaryicfinance@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryicfinance@gmail.com)

Coordinator of Religious Education-

Jessica Bielen

Custodian-Jeanne Hintz

Maintenance/Grounds keeping

Josh Genskow

#### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, May 12, (SH)

8:15 am +Richie Orlikowski

by Orlikowski family

***Wednesday, May 13***

***8:15 am +Bette Maslowski***

*by Pat & Family*

Thursday, May 14 @ SH

7 am Adoration 7:30-8 am Confessions

8:15 am +Sophie Koziczowski

by Marie & Family

***Friday, May 15***

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

***8:15 am +Butch Gagas***

*by Cheryl, Rebecca & Family*

SATURDAY, MAY 16, @ SH

8:15 am +Tom Printz by Ruth & Family

+Dorothy Gagas by Carrie Pompeii

+Beverly Stanczyk by Mike & Judy Yenter

+Edwin Damask by Holy Name Society

+Dan & Colleen Kluck by Tom & Julie Wanserski

2:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Frank & Gen Jelinski

***SUNDAY, MAY 17, Ascension of the Lord***

8:00 am @ SH

St. Mary's I.C. & Sacred Heart Parish families

***10 am +Gusty & Janet Peplinski***

*by Diane & Russell Wysocki*

#### ***MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING***

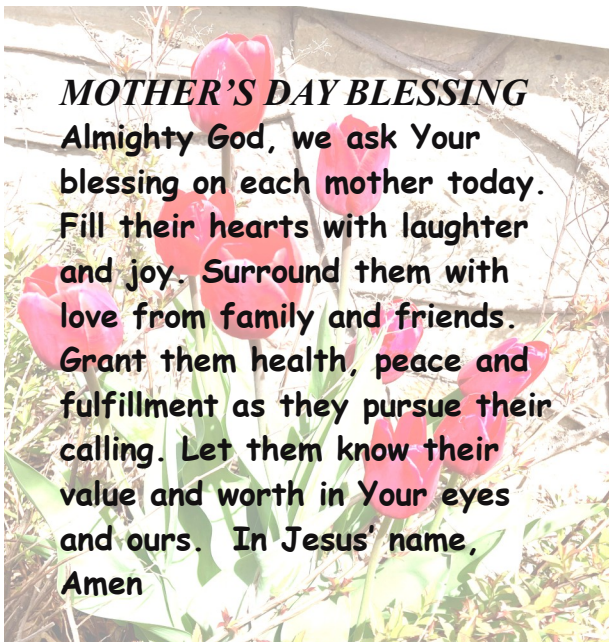
***Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today.***

***Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends.***

***Grant them health, peace and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes***

***and ours. In Jesus' name,***

***Amen***





"Oh, if only the Eucharist were better understood by Christians and more worthily and frequently received. How copious would be the fruits of harmony, peace, and spiritual decorum that would flow therefrom for the Church and the whole world!" - St. John XXIII

**A New Series** for the weekly bulletin will include a Catholic word or phrase that many people may have an idea of what it means, but a clear and simple definition would be helpful for deeper understanding. The first entry:

**A Catholic Phrase to Understand Better: The "Good News"**

The "Good News" is that God has come to us in the Person of His Son. Jesus came to save us from sin and, by the power of the Holy Spirit acting through the Church, to re-unite us with Himself as His adopted sons and daughters called to live with Him forever in Heaven.

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:

*Tom Sbonik, Ruthie & Lenny Pliska, Joe Raschka, Denny Elsenrath, Henry Gagas, Valerie Stanczyk, Shirley Pliska, Sharon Zblewski, Jim Zblewski, Ken Wierzba, Jerry Lepak, Bob Zimauer, 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.*



**The Importance of Praying the Rosary in May**

The Rosary is important because it focuses on the pivotal moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, known as the "mysteries." In reflecting on these major events of Jesus' life, you will come to recognize more how much Jesus loves you personally. You will also be guided by the Holy Spirit to make connections between each mystery of Jesus' life and your own life. And you may ask the Holy Spirit to help you see how this mystery gives guidance to your life right now.

Praying the Rosary, with the repetition of the Hail Marys, creates a quiet, contemplative space in a noisy world, allowing the mind and heart to focus on God. Take 5 minutes to pray a decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and Glory Be) with your family.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**May 3**

Offertory	\$	227.00
Building Fund		775.00
Project Milk		10.00
Adult Env		
& ACH		1532.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,544.00</b>

**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.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. We have **EXCEEDED** our Goal! Any additional contributions to this year's appeal will be refunded back to St. Mary's I.C. Reminder JUNE 30th is the deadline for your contribution. Please consider making a gift to this year's Appeal if you haven't already. Any amount is welcome. Thank you



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

*Coordinator of Religious Education*

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Please keep *Cordelia Carey, Sayer Konopacki and Opal Konopacki* in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on June 7th.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Religious Education teachers:

*Jessica Bielen Sarah Raschka  
Christine Sapa Amy Stremkowski*  
We appreciate your dedication and sharing of your Faith with our Children.

St. Mary's I.C is looking for a **part time bookkeeper**, set your own schedule to do parish payroll, accounts payable and receivable, federal & state reports, bank and balance sheet reconciliations, monthly reports and general administration tasks. Need some bookkeeping & accounting experience, be familiar with Microsoft Office and accounting software. Hours add up to 40+ hours monthly. Send or email resume' or letter of interest to St. Mary IC, 7176 Esker Rd, Custer, ([stmary@wi-net.com](mailto:stmary@wi-net.com))



*Join us Next  
Sunday, May 17th,  
after the  
10 am Mass for our  
COFFEE & DONUT  
SOCIAL*

*ALL ARE WELCOME  
Hosted by Group 8*

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**  
*birthday blessings*  
11th-Rick Weronke 14th-Sarah Kosobucki  
15th-Carol Tremel  
16th-Molly Dombrowski, Pat Johnson  
17th-Dave Glodowski 19th-Jason Dombrowski  
24th-Steward Kepler, Duane Kluck 27th-Jacquie Wille,  
Bob Armatoski 28th-Brian Britz 31st-Cheryl Sbonik

## 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.*

**PROJECT MILK** envelopes are in your pew. LET'S SEE HOW MANY BAGS OF MILK WE CAN FILL, please return your envelope by May 24th.

See attach page for more information on Project Milk.

**CAUTION:**  
**RENOVATIONS HAVE BEGUN**



Please use caution when visiting St. Mary's.  
While this is an exciting time to witness the changes we are making, please be respectful of the equipment and materials.



Evangelization Summit  
 Tuesday, May 19th, 9 am to 3 pm  
 St. Paul Catholic Church  
 603 4th St, Mosinee

Are you a pastor, parish staff member, or lay volunteer desiring to see your parish fully alive on mission? Step aside for the day to learn how we change the "soil" of our Catholic culture in order to plant the seeds of evangelization.

At this summit, you can expect to:

- Encounter Jesus and others who desire a culture of discipleship in our parishes.
- Practice praying, listening, and discerning together.
- Grow in clarity of vision - what does "culture of discipleship and accompaniment" mean?
- Identify what support and resources are most needed to live this way.

Scan to register



\$20 suggested donation to offset costs for lunch and presenters



### Tuesday, June 2

Join us as we travel from St. Joseph Parish to Holy Hill for a time of prayer; and to visit the grounds. We will enjoy lunch before Departing to Ten Chimneys, the National Historic Landmark home of Alfred Lunt & Lynn Fontanne



We will depart from the St. Joseph parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

The cost for this trip is \$95/per person and includes the bus, your lunch, and tour ticket.

Registration and payment must be received by May 15.



### Wednesday, July 22

Join us as we travel from St. Joseph Parish to American Family Field for a 1:10 p.m. game to watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Mets. We will stop at Pizza Ranch on our way home for dinner.

We will depart from the St. Joseph parking lot at 8:40 a.m.

The cost for this trip is \$110/per person and includes the bus, game ticket, and dinner.

Registration and payment must be received by June 15.

### Upcoming Trips...

Wed., Oct. 7

Clauson Family Farm,  
 Rock n' Roll Show

Sun. Dec. 6

Christmas Stars  
 & Fox River Mall

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Scan the QR Code,

Call the office at 715-341-1617

or visit

[www.PointCatholicFaith.org/trips](http://www.PointCatholicFaith.org/trips)



## Liturgical Appointments

### SUNDAY, May 17

**LECTOR** John **USHERS** Randy & Anthony  
**SERVERS** Sammi, Spencer,  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Jeremy, Lisa, John  
**MUSICIANS** Jacquie & Carolyn

### SUNDAY, April 26

**LECTOR** Tom **USHERS** Kyle, Vincent  
**SERVERS** Spencer, Sammi  
**MONEY COUNTERS** Jeremy, Lisa, Joanna  
**MUSICIANS** Mary & Cheryl

Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend June 15th-17th to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary for three days of field olympics, team building, games and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living the dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at [www.stlawrence.edu/retreats](http://www.stlawrence.edu/retreats)



Bring a bouquet!  
 Plant Flowers in your garden to share with St. Mary's I.C. this summer. Help us add beauty to our Church by donating bouquets for our sanctuary.

**The Polonia Convent** — Throughout the summer, MSDI will be having **Saturday rummage sales**. If you would like to donate any items to our rummage sale, please contact the convent at 715 592-4213 or 715-340-2006.

### Steubenville "WORTHY"

For the Battle belongs to the Lord, July 24-26, at St Thomas University MN... Youth 8th gr-12th and young adults up to 20yrs are invited to participate in a life changing experience. Sold out, sought out Christian Retreat. A few tickets remain but must be claimed by June 1st. Call Cindy Klish at 715-347-4441 to secure a ticket.



## *Building Together* Uniting Hearts and Spaces

Update May 10, 2026

**Groundbreaking for Phase 1 was Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** and it was beautiful! Father Miller started it off with a beautiful blessing. Father, Deacon Jim and the Building Committee donned hard hats and took up their shovels to start the groundbreaking. But even more beautiful was when Al Gavin, our oldest parishioner, along with many young children of St. Mary's got to shovel some dirt to signify how lovely it is to see both young and old be part of this momentous occasion. The weather was lovely. The large crowd cheering on was beautiful to see. There were coffee and donuts – some kidded it was our first in our new space, but it was a reminder that this is just one of the many reasons the parish wanted this new space.



It has been a long time coming and maybe we need to revisit some of the reasons we have worked so hard to get the space approved and built for the St. Mary's family. When we met with Bishop Battersby and several individuals at the Diocese, we provided a lot of history and needs, such as:

1. Our basement is not accessible to many of our parishioners who cannot traverse all the steps. Plus, it has had water issues, the kitchen is outdated and a lot of the parish functions can no longer be held there. Our donut socials and family dinners are less attended because many do not feel comfortable going down the steps. This new space will not have steps.
2. Our church entrance also has steps which makes it difficult for the disabled or elderly to enter without assistance. The new entrance will be on the parking level with a covered portico where parishioners can be dropped off in inclement weather, or with their assistance devices. There will be a ramp up to the church level so all may enter easily. There has been a challenge when caskets carried up the stairs have been cumbersome, and at least once, almost a disaster. The ramp will be so much better.
3. No bathroom on the main level or one that is ADA compliant was another concern. The new gathering space will have an ADA compliant restroom, accessible from church via stairs or ramp and from the parking lot on the same level.

These are just a few and in future updates, we will continue to add more like: the need for a larger sacristy, a bigger and better placed gathering space, an very upgraded parking lot, just to name a few. Right now, we hope you see the benefits of this new space. We know it takes a lot to create the space we all wanted, way back as early as 2008. We had some significant parishioner contributions, along with our anonymous donors, that allowed us to start Phase 1, but we will need additional monies to bring the entire project to completion. We need to continue to collect monies for the Building Fund. All of your contributions stay right at St. Mary's and can be made using your Building Fund envelopes. As always, if you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Building Committee – Father Miller, Ron Wierzba, Russell Wysocki, Kirk Wille or Nora Stransky.



# PROJECT MILK

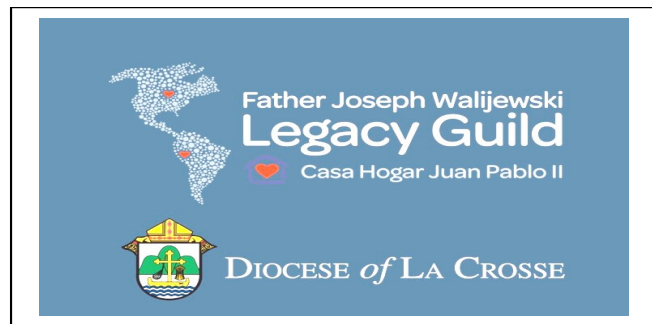
## How the project works:

Shipped to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurín, Peru;  
home to 72 children, families and staff

Casa Hogar works with other local orphanages and  
service organizations to trade the powdered milk for resources

Casa Hogar also donates milk to local soup kitchens and families across greater Lima.

Last year over 40 sites and hundreds of people received nutritious milk from Wisconsin



## How it began:

The following is a true story from the late Fr. Joe Walijewski, a Servant of God and beloved priest of the Diocese of La Crosse who in 1986 founded the orphanage Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurín, Peru, where he ministered until his death on April 11, 2006. Casa Hogar is still served by a priest from the Diocese of La Crosse today and Fr. Joe's Cause is open for Sainthood.

When Fr. Walijewski was first stationed at a parish church in Lima, Peru, he saw a little boy playing in the street. He had been out there all morning, and now it was early afternoon. Fr. Joe greeted him and asked, "Shouldn't you be going home? It's past lunch time!" The little boy told him, "It's not my day to eat." That's right – it's not my day to eat! His family was so poor they fed their children on alternate days.

It was because of this level of hunger and malnutrition, and out of a desire to assist Fr. Walijewski in his service to thousands of poor children in Peru, that the Rural Life Committee of the Diocese of La Crosse started "Project Milk" in 1984. Project Milk has a two-fold purpose: to provide milk for the hungry children at the orphanage and the surrounding Peruvian neighborhoods, and to raise awareness of the economic difficulties of our dairy farmers in western Wisconsin (all the dried milk shipped comes from dairy farms). Since its inception in 1984, Project Milk has collected over \$1,000,000 and shipped close to 450 tons of dried milk to Peru, thanks to the generous donations of the people of the Diocese of La Crosse. With groups traveling each year to the orphanage, we are now trying to coordinate the arrival of the powdered milk to occur when we have groups present from the Diocese at Casa Hogar.

We hope you will find it in your heart to help Project Milk continue to supply nourishing milk to the children of Casa Hogar and the surrounding neighborhoods, so that no child will have to say, "It's not my day to eat." Know that in doing so you will also be supporting Wisconsin's dairy farmers.

## How much do we need?

Casa Hogar uses about 1 sack (50 pounds) of powdered milk each week.

It costs about \$100 to send 1 sack of milk to Lurín, Peru.

Our goal is to send 800 sacks of milk to Casa Hogar, or \$80,000.

Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Administrative costs are covered by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. It is only your continued support that makes these shipments possible.

## How much does it cost?

\$400 will provide Casa Hogar with 4 sacks milk, enough for one month.

\$100 will provide 1 sack of powdered milk, enough for one week.

We wish to thank everyone who has given so generously to Project Milk! Your contributions are not only an act of charity for the orphans of Casa Hogar in Peru, but also a strong show of solidarity for our dairy farmers!